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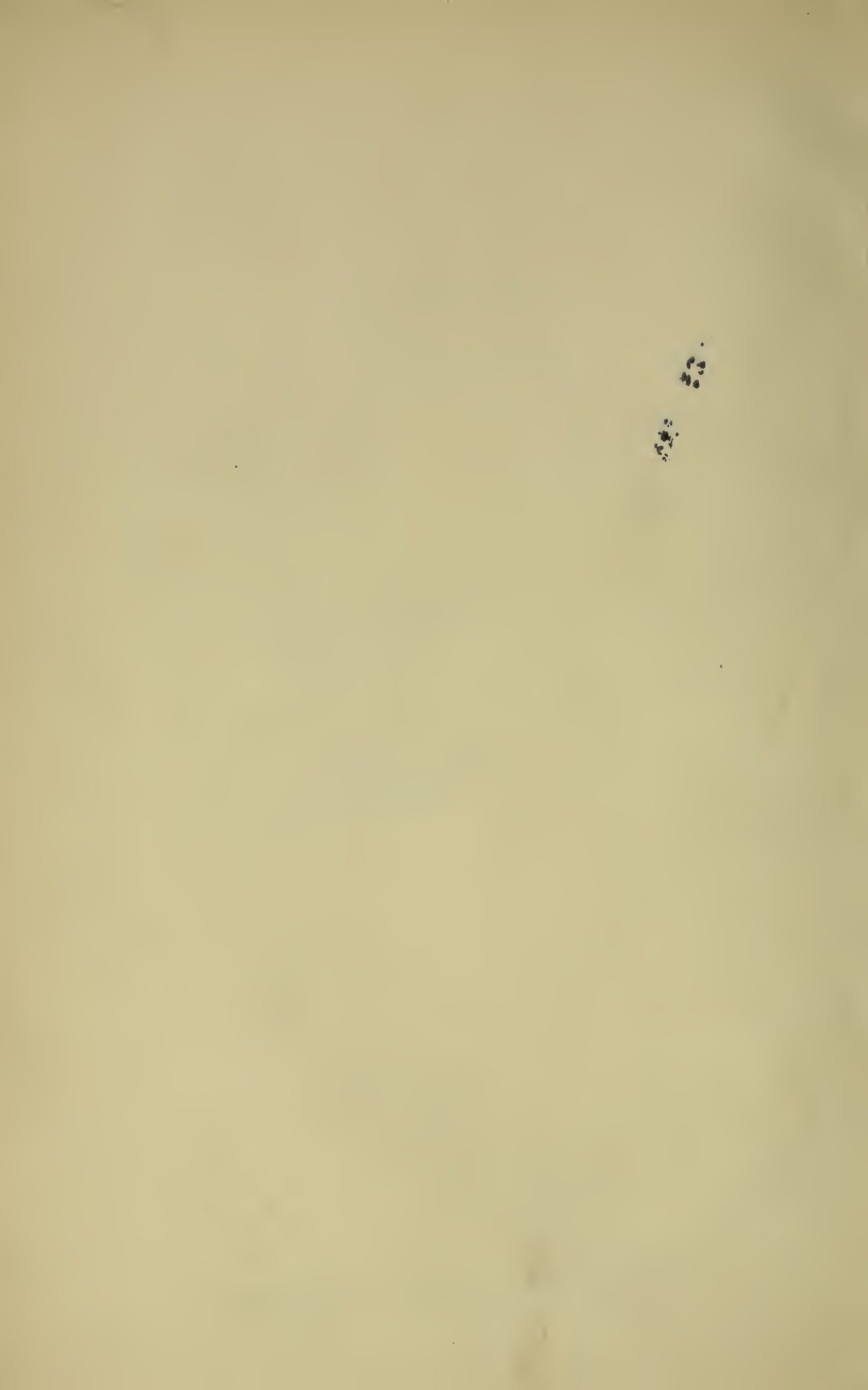
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THE ILLINOIS BAPTIST MISSIONARY BUDGET



The Apportionment Committee met in the business room of the Woman's Baptist Training School in Chicago on Monday, April 26th. The committee consists of Rev. M. W. Twing, Alton, chairman; Rev. B. E. Allen, Neponset, secretary; Mr. W. G. Brimson, Chicago, president of the State Convention; A. W. Skinner, Hudson; Rev. J. M. Dean, Chicago; Mrs. J. D. Loudnerback, Chicago; Mrs. C. D. Eulette, Chicago; Rev. J. Y. Aitchison, Joint Secretary of the Home and Foreign Mission Societies; Rev. T. L. Ketman, Secretary of the Publication Society; and Rev. E. P. Brand, Superintendent of the State Convention. All were present except Mr. Dean.

The committee decided to apportion \$129,000 among the churches of Illinois. This will not change the apportionments of any of the churches of Illinois unless giving for missions last year shifted some of the churches to a higher or lower class.

The amounts as distributed are as follows:

Foreign Missions.....	\$32,000
Woman's Foreign Missions....	19,000
Home Missions	19,000
Woman's Home Missions	18,000

American Baptist Publication Society	7,300
Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit Fund	6,000
Northern Baptist Convention	3,200
State Convention	19,000
Christian Education, Northwestern Educational Society and Shurtleff College	5,000

The percentages to be observed in raising the apportionments are as follows: i. e., whatever a church raises, whether it be the exact budget or more or less than the apportionments, the committee urges upon the churches to divide it according to the following percentages, viz:

Foreign Missions, 25 per cent.
Woman's Foreign Missions, 14½ per cent.
Home Missions, 14½ per cent.
Woman's Home Missions, 14 per cent.
American Baptist Publication Society, 6 per cent.
Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit Fund, 4½ per cent.
Northern Baptist Convention, 3 per cent.
State Convention, 14½ per cent.
Christian Education, 4 per cent.

There is one exception to these percentages; in adjusting the budget for the Home Mission Society and the State Convention, the following rates were agreed upon. In the Chicago Association where the Home Mission Society is doing a large work, the rate is 18 per cent for Home Missions and 11 per cent for State Convention. and in the Ottawa, Bloomfield, Rock Island, Peoria, Quincy and Alton Associations where the State Convention is doing a larger work, the rate for State Convention is 16 per cent, and for Home Missions, 13 per cent. In all the other associations it is $14\frac{1}{2}$ per cent for Home Missions and $14\frac{1}{2}$ per cent for State Missions. The apportionments will be worked out for each church on a three fold basis:

1. The church will fall into a high or low missionary group according to its gifts to missions last year.

2. The membership of the church is taken into consideration.

3. The amount the church paid for current expenses last year will be considered.

These amounts which are apportioned among the churches are just about what was raised last year, besides the large amount that was given on the deficit of the societies. It has also been a hard year financially, with two severe drouths in the central and southern portions of the state. Also the churches are getting better educated in giving each year. We believe the churches can easily go beyond this apportionment this year. This apportionment for the State Convention is for the year ending October 1, 1916; that which was sent out one year ago was for the year ending this coming

October, but the entire sum for the State Convention for the state is the same, \$19,000, for each year, and there will be but very little variation in the amount apportioned to the churches for State Convention for the two years.

PERSONALS

Rev. R. H. Claxon of Taylorville was elected at the semi-annual meeting of the State Board a member of the Board to fill the place of Rev. J. F. Mills, who has removed from Decatur.

The Chillicothe, Steuben and Sparland churches will send their pastor, Rev. J. H. Bagwill, to the Northern Baptist Convention at Los Angeles.

Rev. Benjamin Otto, D.D., of Peoria will attend the Northern Convention.

The Taylorville Church will send its pastor, Rev. R. H. Claxon, to the Convention in Los Angeles.

DEATHS

Prof. Chas. R. Henderson, D.D., for many years professor in the University of Chicago, died Monday morning, March 29th. Failing health caused him to go South where a stroke of paralysis caused his sudden death. The body was brought to Chicago where funeral services were conducted in Mandel Hall at the University. Dr. Henderson was one of the great, good men of his generation. He was regarded as an authority on social science in America and Europe. He has spoken several times at our State Conventions. He has always been a loyal supporter of our State Convention. His life was possibly shortened by his intense work in the interest of humanity and especially in the interest of the poor and unfortunate.

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March 3, 1879."

THE Bulletin passed its sixth mile-
stone with this May issue.

WE hope to make the seventh year
of the Bulletin the best in its
history.

THE Bulletin goes into the homes of
several hundred of our Free
Baptist brethren in Southern Illinois.

THE June Bulletin will of necessity
be late in reaching the people.
It will perhaps be June 25th before that
issue will be mailed.

THE editor and his wife expect to
attend the Northern Baptist Con-
vention at Los Angeles, May 19-27.

WE will start May 14th over the
Santa Fe route and will return
via the Southern Pacific. We hope to
visit San Diego and San Francisco ex-
positions and stop in Salt Lake City,
Denver and other points, and return
home about the 15th or 18th of June.

MY office will be open every day.
My secretary will receipt for
any money sent in and attend to cor-
respondence. I will be kept informed
of any important matters. We hope
that after this little time of release
from office and routine work we will

be better prepared for the strenuous
work of the summer and fall.

THE SALOON IN ILLINOIS

Illinois, in common with the other
states in the Union, has been making
rapid progress in driving out the sa-
loons. While we do not have state-wide
prohibition yet, we have been driving
out these social pest houses at a rapid
rate. Since the elections held on April
6th, and 20th, the wet and dry terri-
tory in Illinois makes the following
showing: Fifty-five of the 102 coun-
ties in the state are entirely dry, and
of the forty-seven of the remaining coun-
ties, forty-six are partially dry, and
only one, viz. Monroe county, entirely
wet. Seventy of the 102 county seats
of the state are now among the dry
towns and cities. The township divi-
sions show 1234 of the voting districts
dry and only 196 wet. A map of the
state drawn along wet and dry lines
will show three sections of considerable
size given up almost wholly to saloon
influence; these are the northwest cor-
ner, including Chicago, a portion of the
Illinois River Valley, including Ot-
tawa, LaSalle, Peoria and Pekin, and a
southwest section of two counties, in-
cluding Alton and East St. Louis. Al-
most all the remainder of the state is
dry territory except a single city here
and there, like Danville, Springfield,
Rock Island, Moline and Quincy. Such
cities as Rockford, Freeport, Gales-
burg, Bloomington, Decatur, Cham-
paign, Mattoon and many Southern
Illinois cities, that were cursed with
saloons a few years ago, are now free
from the curse and disgrace of the
licensed saloon. It will not be many
years until the county or city that tol-

erates the saloon will be shunned by the better class of people as an undesirable place to live or to carry on business. May the time soon come when Illinois will take her place along with the many of prohibition states with not a legalized saloon within her borders.

SEVENTH VOLUME

This issue of the Bulletin is the beginning of the seventh volume. Six volumes are complete. These have been bound in neat book form and one copy placed in the State Historical Library. During these six years the Bulletin has filled an important niche in denominational affairs in Illinois. It goes into about 5,000 homes and is read by at least 10,000 people every month.

The publishing of this paper added a considerable burden to the already busy life of the superintendent, but he has greatly enjoyed it. He has conscientiously tried to make the Bulletin represent all that is best in Baptist affairs in the state. It has stood for the State Convention and all it represents. It has kept before the people the work that our state missionaries are doing. It has, so far as space would allow, given news from the churches and reported all pastoral changes. It gives space for national and worldwide missions, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work and our charitable institutions. It has from time to time contained editorials and quoted articles upon fundamental Baptist principles, taking a strong stand against what the editor regards as dangerous and unwise innovations on our doctrines and polity. At the same time the Bulletin has aimed to keep abreast of the

times and to welcome any new truths and new methods of worth that are clearly shown to be truths or valuable methods of work.

We are conscious of the fact that we have been at times compelled to differ from some good brethren. Some of our brethren regard the Bulletin as exceptionally liberal and others regard it as ultra-conservative; but on the whole, we are greatly encouraged with the favor with which the Bulletin has been received. As we enter upon the seventh year of its publication we feel that the paper never had so many friends, was never so strong in the hearts of the people, and that the State Convention, which it represents, was never so great a power in the state as at the present time. We hope that by the time this volume is closed there will be at least 2000 increase in its circulation.

The Standard of Chicago in its issue of April 24th contains a contributed article of nearly four columns in opposition to the articles written some time ago on "Baptist Principles" by Dr. S. J. Skevington. It is a tedious, labored article by one who withholds his name and address. He seems to be distressed that distinctive Baptist Principles should be set forth in a modern paper. He seems to be afraid that the outside world will think that we believe in baptismal regeneration if we hold to the scriptural form of baptism; and he gets off the old worn-out pedo-baptist argument concerning "an ordinance originating in a hot clime and among an oriental people prone to strongly expressed symbolism," etc.

How painful it is for some Baptists (?) to hear a sermon or read an article on Baptist doctrines, and how anxious they are to get articles into Baptist papers assailing some of the fundamental teachings of the denomination. Who ever heard of a Methodist or a Presbyterian or Episcopalian writing letters to their denominational papers assailing in a sly and roundabout way, sprinkling and infant baptism and the Episcopal or Presbyterian forms of government? And where would they find space to attack their own doctrines through their own denominational papers? And yet, that is just the thing a small number of our Baptist people are doing. The number is not large, but the prominent recognition they get would make it appear that their number is very great.

The greatest hindrance to the progress of the Baptist denomination today is the existence of certain so-called Baptists within the denomination who are only Baptists in name. Perhaps no denomination of Christians in the world today is suffering so much on account of a lack of loyalty on the part of some of its members as the Baptist denomination.

Those people who think of changing their homes from Illinois to Florida would do well to read the following quotation from a Florida paper:

"Florida Has Gone Crazy.

Florida stands only a few steps from the bottom in literacy. Florida has no compulsory school attendance law. Florida has no place for the care of her crippled children. Florida has jails all over the State where there are no matrons to care for women prisoners. Florida has no place whatever to send wayward girls. Florida gives meager sums to her State boards of health and grumbles at any legislature ap-

propriation made for the development of educational work in the State.

Florida has judges who sentence fifteen-year-old boys to fifteen years servitude in the State convict camps where they have only the companionship of degraded criminals to prepare them for the "manhood" of their adult lives. Florida has laws on her statute books as barbarous as those of the middle ages.

Florida, in fact, has gone commercially crazy—land selling crazy, money making crazy, and somehow the boosters of the State have grown into the habit of working exclusively in the interests of the "climate," the "soil," and the State's "political wealth."—Miami (Fla.) Metropolis.

It is claimed by the moving picture men that the daily attendance now averages 11,000,000 and that \$275,000,000 a year is received in admission fees. With such an enormous income from these shows it is going to be more and more difficult to properly censor and control them. These moving picture shows have in them great possibilities for lowering the standard of our civilization.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. H. F. Jones, assisted by Miss Goldie Whitesell, is at this time conducting a series of meetings at Mt. Sterling. Seven persons have united with the church, several of them men.

Rev. C. L. Flanders of Danville has been laid aside a week or two on account of illness. He has done heavy work during the past winter.

Rev. E. A. Riney held some special meetings at Reynolds. He and his wife are greatly pleased with their field at Aledo and vicinity; the outlook seems hopeful.

Rev. W. R. Johnson, who spent the winter in continuous revival work is now spending some time in visiting weak churches, and in planning for future evangelistic work.

Rev. N. T. Heafer spent two weeks with the LaMarsh Church in the Peoria Association. He then went to Easton in the Central Illinois Association and spent two or three weeks. This church is only about seven years old and has had but one pastorate. It has been pastorless for about two years and had not observed the Lord's Supper for six years. Affairs were in a very critical condition. Brother Hafer got the church work thoroughly organized, and a constitution and by-laws were adopted. An entire new set of officers were elected. Nine persons were baptized and six others received into the church. A salary was raised and a supply secured for the summer months.

Brother Hafer is now spending one month with the Petersburg church in the Central Illinois Association. He is not holding special meetings, but giving them one month of pastoral work and supplying the pulpit on Sundays; holding any meetings that will be needed and making a strong effort to get this stranded church afloat and moving out upon the sea of service and prosperity.

Rev. J. M. Osborne held a meeting at Watertown, aided by Rev. L. E. Ellison of Andalusia. It was one of the best meetings ever held in that village. There were eighteen conversions and fourteen additions to the church.

Rev. J. S. Walls closed a two weeks meeting at Bradford that was quite successful. There were eight additions to the church, and others will be received soon. The attendance at the regular service is increasing and Pastor Walls is very much encouraged.

CHURCHES

Rev. C. H. Dayton, pastor at Sidell, recently closed a three weeks' meeting aided by Evangelist H. A. Hunt of Missouri, which resulted in about fifty conversions. The Sidell brethren feel greatly encouraged.

Rev. Geo. Woodley is being greatly encouraged in his work at Chatsworth. There are occasional conversions in the regular work. The Sunday school has an attendance of about ninety, which is double what it was one year ago.

The Barry Church, of which Rev. Geo. W. Claxon is pastor, has extensively repaired its meeting house and had the reopening with a week of services in which the pastor was aided by visiting pastors. The editor of the Bulletin regrets that he was unable to accept an invitation to preach at one of the services.

Rev. W. J. Megan, pastor of the Bushnell church, held a few days' meeting at Warsaw, and organized a church consisting of five men and eight women. There are others to follow and they expect to have a meeting house soon. Warsaw is near the Mississippi River, not far from Keokuk, Iowa.

The First Church of Quincy of which Rev. Oliver Reed is pastor, and the Vermont Street Church, of which Rev. A. LeGrand is pastor, have voted to unite the two churches with a view of building a new meeting house for both congregations. A joint committee has been appointed to work out the details. It may be some time before the union can be made an accomplished fact, but this is a wise move on the part of the Quincy Baptists. Brother Reed, the pastor of the First church

has been there since last summer. He has had great success. More than 125 persons have united with the church since he began work. Dr. LeGrand has just closed five years' work at Vermont Street Church. It has in every way been a successful pastorate. During that time 161 members have been added and 2,423 services conducted and \$6,000 raised for benevolence.

It is often said that Baptists lose out in union meetings; that is not always true. After the great Biedervolf meetings in Alton, from which all the churches gathered such a large harvest, it was found that the Baptists got the largest number of members. The largest number uniting with any one church was with the Cherry street Baptist church, viz: 205; the next was the First Presbyterian, 179. The First Baptist church received 161 members; the Upper Alton Baptist Church, 67; the Union Baptist Church (colored), eight; making in all 444 additions to the Baptist churches.

The Charleston Church is making fine progress under the leadership of Rev. A. E. Prince. He has been pastor six months and there have been forty-two additions to the church.

Rev. J. M. Lively, pastor at Tuscola and Bourbon, is pushing a building enterprise at Bourbon. He has raised \$3,000 to modernize the church building. He is having baptisms on both fields.

Dr. W. E. Mundell has received ten members into the Carrollton Church since the beginning of the year.

Rev. J. H. Bagwill has closed a series of meetings at Chillicothe, aided a portion of the time by Rev. J. L. Meads

of Benton. Many things worked against the meetings but there was much success. Twenty persons made profession of faith. There were sixteen additions to the church, fourteen of them by baptism.

Rev. G. C. Mitchell received eight new members into the Olney Church Sunday, April 11th. Seven were baptized. This was in his regular work, no special meetings being held.

Rev. Carey S. Osborne has been the pastor at Lexington one year. He has received fourteen into the membership of the church, ten of them by baptism.

I recently spent a Sunday morning in the Church at Minonk of which Rev. J. C. Oranger is pastor. There was nothing unusual that morning, just one of their ordinary services, and there were 306 present in the Sunday school. There were fifty-nine present in the old men's class and thirty-five present in the young men's class. There was a large class of married women. At the preaching service the auditorium and side room were well filled. There were nineteen automobiles around the church that morning. Minonk is a town of only about 2,000 people, and a large portion of the population are Roman Catholics and German Lutherans. So strong is the foreign and saloon element that the town goes strongly for saloons. The remaining population is divided among several denominations, and yet, if the Baptists get such crowds in a community like that why should they be discouraged anywhere? Brother Oranger and the Minonk church have a great opportunity at this time, but it lays a great responsibility upon the church to utilize and make the most of it.

I recently spent a Saturday night and Sunday morning with Missionary H. F. Jones at Perry, in the Quincy Association. The Perry Church was practically closed up for many years. Two and a half years ago our missionary began work there, giving them one Sunday in the month. As a result, he has a good B. Y. P. U., and a Sunday school of about seventy-five. I preached to a congregation of nearly one hundred on Saturday night and a good congregation on Sunday morning. Brother Jones has added between thirty and forty to the church. This work demonstrates what can be done on fields where churches are not strong enough to have preaching for full time. The outlook at Perry is more hopeful than it has been in twenty years.

May 2nd, I spent Sunday night in Griggsville. It was very rainy and the congregation was small. Rev. L. A. Miller, the pastor, has had great success since he began work there last fall. He has had twenty-five additions, seventeen of them by baptism.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. W. F. Thompson of Petersburg has resigned the work at Pawnee, to accept the pastorate of the Farmersville and Zenobia churches. He will remove from Petersburg and locate on the field.

The Pawnee Church has extended a call to Rev. Henry Mounce of Petersburg to become pastor for half time in connection with the Bois d'Arc Church.

The Lena and Damascus churches have called to the pastorate Rev. C. W. Harris, of Worland, Wyoming. He has accepted the call and will begin work soon.

Rev. N. O. Patterson has closed his work at LaSalle and removed to Alabama. He seemed compelled to do this on account of his health and that of one of his daughters, who needed a change of climate because of ill health. He started an extensive building enterprise more than a year ago at LaSalle to build a new parsonage and reconstruct the meeting house. A splendid parsonage was built and the basement of the church completed. He left it in good condition and it is the purpose of the church to move on in completing the auditorium.

Rev. W. J. Campbell closed his work at Palmyra and has located with the Greenfield church. This is a good field and we believe Brother Campbell will have a successful pastorate there.

The Jerseyville Church has extended a unanimous and hearty call to Rev. Joseph Jenkins of Macomb. It is not decided at this writing whether he will accept or not.

Rev. Frank Woodhull, who closed his work at Ashley a few weeks ago has accepted a call and located on the field at Moweaqua.

Rev. Edw. Benden is laboring at present as assistant to Dr. S. H. Bowyer of Springfield, having charge of the work at Harvard Chapel and supplying the Chatham Church on alternate Sunday afternoons.

Rev. H. W. Hines has accepted a call to the pastorate of the ElPaso Church. He was brought up in Boston and took his college work at Harvard University; took studies at two different periods at the University of Chicago, and studied two years in Germany and traveled in Palestine. He is twenty-eight years of age.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING APRIL

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Aurora, First Church.....	\$ 80.00
Big Rock Church	19.20
Bloomfield Association Missionary Committee	40.00
Bloomington Church	62.50
Bradford Church	1.41
Bulletin Subscriptions	46.20
Centralia Church	9.60
Chicago, Bohemian First Church....	5.00
Chicago, Bohemian Immanuel Ch.	5.00
Chicago, Englewood Church	21.94
Chicago, First Church	17.80
Chicago, Grace Church	4.41
Chicago, Highland Park Church....	29.11
Chicago, Humboldt Park Church....	14.74
Chicago, Hyde Park Church.....	200.00
Chicago, Immanuel Church	50.00
*Chicago, Irving Park Church.....	11.02
Chicago, Parkside Church.....	15.00
Chicago, Ravenswood Church.....	4.00
*Chicago, Rogers Park Church....	31.68
Chicago, Roseland First	10.00
Chicago, South Chicago	11.00
Chicago, Tabernacle Church.....	55.00
*Chicago, Western Ave. Church....	4.32
Chicago, Woodlawn Church.....	15.56
Clyde Church	5.33
Colchester Church	3.84
Collected on Mission Fields.....	223.05
Danville, First Church	15.00
*Deer Creek Church	20.00
Elgin, First Church	91.66
Evanston, First Church	53.26
*Flora Church	15.00
Home Mission Society	75.00
Hoopeston Church	7.22
Hungarian Mission Church, Granite City	1.00
Kewanee Church	30.90
LaGrange Church	11.00
Lexington Church	7.15
Macomb Church	51.00
*Manlius Church	36.09
Marengo Church	25.00
*Moline, First Church	60.00
Monmouth Church	10.54
Morgan Park Church	11.19
*Morrison Church	36.00
*Morrisonville Church	21.40
Normal Church	17.59
Normal Ch., Miss Maria I. Wilson	5.00
Northern Baptist Convention.....	75.00
Olney Church and Sunday School	11.14
Peoria, First Church	68.14
Pontiac Church	90.00
Rockford, State Street Church.....	60.00
Rockford, First Church.....	26.29
Rockford, First Ch., Sunday school	13.71

Rock Island Association Missionary Committee	49.99
Roodhouse Church	15.00
Received on cut	1.50
Sterling Church.....	25.00
Special Evangelism	377.21
Supply	20.00
Timewell Church	22.50
Tonica Parsonage Rent	18.00
Toulon Church	23.18
Toulon Sunday school	5.00
Toulon B. Y. P. U.	1.65
Urbana, Herald of Hope Church	5.00
Wheaton Church	37.39
*Woodstock Church	5.56
Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, for printing, etc.....	15.80
Woman's Baptist Training School....	10.00
York Church	5.00
Total	\$2579.77

The following quotation from the Baptist Times and Freeman of London, England, will illustrate how the temperance sentiment among Christian people in America has advanced beyond that existing in England:

"We have received from a great many Churches an intimation that a resolution has been adopted pledging the members to follow the example of the King and abstain from alcohol during the continuance of the war. This general notice must suffice as our space does not allow of the publication of so many similar announcements."

Think of a Baptist paper in America advising the members of the churches to give up the use of alcoholic drinks for a season for the sake of strengthening the military power of the nation!

The work of raising money for the State University Church is progressing, but much needs to be done yet. We hope Brother Sparks can complete this work by the 10th of July; and he can if the people from whom he has not solicited will respond as liberally as some of those who have signed pledges. This will be a great victory for the Baptists of Illinois if he can complete this hard task in eight months. It must be completed and brought to a successful issue if it takes a full year to do it, but we believe the people not yet solicited, or those who have been solicited but who have not yet responded, will respond so favorably that the entire amount can be secured by the middle of the summer.

SHURTLEFF COLLEGE

Alton, Ill.
GEORGE M. POTTER,
 President and Editor

The Glee Club gave its home concert on April 20th. The program was excellent throughout, varied and entertaining. The club consists of 16 young men, many of whom are soloists. There are also two readers in the club, so that a varied program can be presented. The churches who have made use of the club or of the picked quartet which goes out alone, have been much pleased with the entertainment offered.

On April 16th occurred the called meeting of the Board of Trustees. The occasion was a conference with a committee of the Northern Baptist Education Board, consisting of Dr. E. D. Burton, of Chicago; Dr. Hanley, president of Franklin College, and Dr. Frank Padelford, Secretary of the Education Board. The day was spent in conference regarding the financial campaign which Shurtleff College is to undertake in the near future. The day's work was most satisfactory and the attendance was large. At noon the ladies of the Baptist Church served luncheon for the trustees.

The program for commencement week is as usual as to order.

Sunday, June 6th—Baccalaureate Sermon.

Monday, June 7th—Conservatory Recital.

Tuesday, June 8th, Class Day.

Wednesday, June 9th—Alumni Day.

Thursday, June 10th—Commencement Day.

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Maywood, Illinois
MRS. A. W. RUNYON
 Editor and Field Secretary
 5742 Maryland Ave., Chicago

The Board of Managers have invited the Baptist ministers to hold their weekly meeting at the Home the last Monday in June. Luncheon will be served by the ladies of the board and a full attendance is desired.

Another event, to which everyone is looking forward with pleasure, is the annual birthday luncheon, June 10th. Luncheon from 12:30 to 2:00, served for twentyfive cents, will be followed by a good program.

The growth of the Home is a matter of surprise to many, but not to those who have had an intimate knowledge of the devotion to its interests shown by the members of both boards. For instance, do you know that president, Mrs. J. G. Hale, is rounding out her sixth year of service in this office, and that in all that time she has never missed attending a meeting of the board? Did you know that the only recompense for such service is the consciousness of work well done? Members of both boards have given both time and money in this way and that, is the reason the Home has grown.

This is your Home. How are you helping? Literature may be had by writing the Field Secretary, Mrs. Runyan, 5742 Maryland Ave., Chicago.

Caroline Patterson,
 Chairman Home Com., 1141 Holley Court, Oak Park, Ill.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.

Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

The people in the Home and the children express their thanks for the response to the call made in the March Bulletin. In addition to those mentioned in the April Bulletin, the following churches and individuals have sent eggs: Marengo, Cornell, Ill., and Swaledale, Iowa, churches; Mr. Boulger of Chicago. Plymouth church also sent fruit.

The work in the Home is progressing nicely. The children are in excellent health. Our Sunday afternoon meetings are creating great interest. Mrs. Henry Merrill, one of our Board women, has been interesting the churches on the West side in the service and we have representatives from the different churches take the service; leaders of the women's circles and the young people are finding great delight in talking to the children. A number of outsiders attend those services and all are delighted to hear the hearty way in which the children sing their songs. There are over sixty children in the chorus, who are being trained every night in the week by Miss Beryl MacGillivray, the Care-taker of the girls. Thus the seed of truth is being planted in their young minds. It may be of interest to the readers of the Bulletin to know that our large and spacious assembly hall was built for a reception hall in honor of President McKinley when he was a guest of Mr. Norton, during his last campaign.

**HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE
IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS**

Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.

Children present at close of April, 63.

Children placed in homes during March and April, 6.

Cash receipts for March, 1915:

From personal gifts.....	\$ 27.50
From churches and allied societies	89.93
From public funds	245.50
From parents and guardians....	144.00
From sundry farm products....	23.78

Total for March\$530.71

Cash receipts for April, 1915:

From personal gifts	\$150.37
From sale of lot given by Miss Buck	193.67
From churches and allied societies	139.21
From parents and guardians....	56.50
From sale of farm products....	13.22

Total for April, 1915.....\$552.97

Total cash receipts for March, 1914\$618.04

Total receipts for April, 1914.. 556.23

This does not include the cash payment received on the sale of the Clay county farm.

April 29th we were encouraged by the coming of six ladies of the Carbondale Baptist Church, who aided in the making of garments for the children. If they enjoyed their visit as much as we felt the value of their labor, and the charm of their good cheer, they will surely come again.

Foreign and Home Mission Societies

REV. J. Y. AITCHISON, D.D., Joint District Secretary

19 South LaSalle St., Chicago

J. Y. Aitchison, Editor

"A TEN POINT STANDARD"

One out of every sixteen of our population is a Baptist. Would that it were possible to say that each one of these Baptists is vitally interested in the world-wide expansion of the kingdom of God. That each should be goes without saying. It is sad enough to have to admit that so large a percentage of our members are not deeply interested in and related to the expansion of Christianity. But there is another fact even more deplorable than that, namely, that in so many churches there is no constructive and well planned effort being put forth to remedy the indifference upon the part of so many of our church members. The indifferent and disinterested members are not always to blame.

The Department of Missionary Education of the Co-operating Societies of the Northern Baptist Convention has recently issued what it has been pleased to designate as "A Ten Point Standard," for the local church, as follows:

1. A Church Missionary Committee.
2. The Presentation of Missions from the Pulpit.
3. A Mission Study Class or Classes.
4. Missionary Programs.
5. The Circulation of Missionary Literature, Including a Club for "Missions."

6. A Woman's Missionary Organization.

7. Missionary Education in the Sunday School.

8. The Promotion of Prayer for Missions.

9. Enlistment for Missionary Service in Local Work and as a Life Work.

10. An Annual Every-Member-Canvass for Weekly Offerings.

When one has finished reading these ten points is there not a sense of the entire reasonableness of such a standard? How has it ever happened that we have allowed ourselves to go along with our church work for so many years without having done these most important things? The question is being asked very frequently today, both from within and from without, "Is the church making good?" Whether we know it or not and whether we approve it or not, the "efficiency tests" which are being applied to every department of business are also being applied to the church of Christ. There is nothing to be feared from unjust criticism, though it may be very annoying for the time being. But the fact that so many of our churches are "not making good" on the essential points of vital Christianity may well shock us all into most careful consideration of the need for some such standard as has been suggested to us by the Department of Missionary Education.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

If it is possible do not fail to attend the session of the Summer School of Missions under the Interdenominational Committee of the Central West for Missions, to be held at Winona Lake, Indiana, June 24 to July 2. Lectures on the new study book for Home Missions under the title "Missions in Action," by Mrs. John Allen, will be given by Mrs. D. B. Wells. "The King's Highway," written by Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, gives her impressions of Mission Fields as she saw them in her recent trip around the world. Mrs. J. J. Fisher, whose work was so acceptable last year, will give the lectures on this book. The Bible hours will be conducted by Miss Angy Manning Taylor. There will be evening lectures, conferences, hours with missionaries and other helpful features. Special attention will be given to the work of young women. Miss Cameron will lead a normal class.

Friends of Miss Carrie E. Perrine will be sorry to learn she has resigned as the Foreign State Secretary of Illinois. She felt she had not the needed strength for the work and other duties for which she was responsible. Mrs. Milton Shirk, who is known to many as a strong friend of missionaries, and one who has given them much substantial aid, has been appointed to the position and is anxious to be helpful and

get in touch with the women of our state as soon as possible. Her address is Kenwood Hotel, Kenwood avenue and 47th street, Chicago.

Contributions to each of the Women's Societies for the year ending March 31 were larger than in any previous year. There was given to the foreign society \$19,276.91. Of this amount \$3,193.27 was personal gifts, \$500.00 of which was for Miss Bessinger's school building at Jaro, P. I. We all want our state to advance the coming year by interesting more women and to have a larger part ourselves, but efforts put forth now are worth much more than near the close of the year. Do something *now*; do not wait until the time is quite convenient; our lives are lived too rapidly for that time to come. Why not raise a large part of your apportionment as soon as possible? We know of one church which has already sent in its apportionment to one society.

At Balsasore, India, a six year old boy stood up in Sunday school and repeated the golden texts for the year. Is there a boy in our state who can do it, if so send us his name.

Recently 20,000 Africans gave away their idols. Isn't that a large advance in the right direction?

Baptist Young People's Union of Illinois

Secretary
JOHN RUTHVEN,
Morgan Park



Treasurer
SILAS ECHOLS,
Mt. Vernon

President and Editor, Albert D. Henderson, 910 E. 62nd St., Chicago.

Judging from the number of inquiries received by Secretary Shuler, your president and other officers, the work of the B. Y. P. U. in our state is going steadily forward. The interest is manifest not only in the small societies, but in the larger city organizations. The summer assembly for Baptists which gives a prominent place to B. Y. P. U. endeavor indicates also that the state denominational organization is wide-awake in its furtherance of work by and for our own young people.

This summer assembly announcements of which will be mailed you, will be held at Quiver Lake, Havana, Illinois, August 3-10, and will afford unusual spiritual, intellectual and social advantages to those who attend.

The earnest co-operation of every local society is urged in regard to the following important matters:

1. You have received a circular letter from Secretary Shuler requesting offering for "furnishing fund" for our Baptist State University Church at Champaign, Illinois. This presents an unusual opportunity for our state B. Y. P. U. through its organized unions, to assist in providing better denominational privileges and development to young Baptists at our great state institution. Please respond immediately.

2. Those societies that entered the Work State Campaign must make prompt reports as soon as the secretary's request for same reaches you. The contest ends May 15, deciding what union will be so fortunate as to win the round trip ticket to the Oakland Convention.

Transportation leaders for our great California convention are now assured of the special train which has been announced. Over fifty delegates have already made definite reservations and others are signing up every week.

Bloomington holds a large B. Y. P. U. banquet Friday, May 7, at which President Henderson will be the speaker. The Loda, Illinois, society is going ahead with the work under a new, vigorous leadership. The Chicago city B. Y. P. U. held its annual nominating convention April 29, with the largest meeting of its kind ever held. Unusual interest prevailed in the nomination of officers because of the almost certain advent of the National B. Y. P. U. of A. convention to Chicago in 1916.

It is gratifying to note that the young people of the state are unified in their loyalty to the denomination. The ranks of our young Baptists in Illinois possess a growing loyalty to the denomination and have this year shown their willingness to serve.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B.Y.P.U.



Director, W. B. Morris, Ashley

The month of April was a busy one for your director. Twenty churches were visited, necessitating 1250 miles of travel. At Raritan I spent a Sunday with Pastor Weddington. This is a wideawake country church and the pastor is doing a fine work. Rev. W. J. Sparks was present and gave a most interesting talk on our chapel car work.

The semi annual meeting of the Salem Association met at Colchester. It was well attended and a fine program was presented. The closing address was given by Dr. Aitchison. It was a statesmanlike presentation of the great theme "Missions." I then attended the semi-annual meeting of the State Board held in Chicago. Our work under the able leadership of Dr. Brand was never more healthful and encouraging. His careful administration of our denominational affairs is certainly to be commended. While in Chicago I also had the pleasure of attending the Baptist Executive Council. The reports showed that much progress is Sterling church was both profitable and pleasant. It was especially gratifying to meet many of my former parishioners. The church is in the process of settling a pastor, and with the right man we look for a decidedly forward movement. The latter part of the month was spent with the churches of the Greene and Jersey As-

sociation. Much of the time my temporary headquarters were in the Baptist parsonage at Carrollton, where Dr. Mundell dispensed a brotherly hospitality. He is doing a good work and has brought the church up to high standard of efficiency.

I was particularly fortunate in being personally conducted over the two counties by Pastor at Large, Rev. W. H. Dickman, in his automobile. He seems to have a favorable entrance to the churches and is a true yoke fellow. Pastor Smith is moving things at Roodhouse. A new pipe organ has been installed, and the splendid new parsonage is just completed. Pastor Simpson at White Hall has won the highest regard of his people and the future looks promising.

The semi-annual meeting of the above association was held in Jerseyville, and although the program was interrupted by the funeral service of the late Rev. S. Catt, a highly esteemed brother in the ministry, yet those present were well repaid for attending. The program was given by speakers from among the pastors of the association. A fine musical program was rendered by Rev. C. C. Smith, who presided at the pipe organ, and also by vocal and violin solos. The B. Y. P. U. chorus of the Jerseyville church rendered several numbers. Space forbids further account of the month's work.



New Baptist Meeting House, Danville, Ill.
Rev. E. L. Krumreig, D.D., Pastor

THE SUMMER ASSEMBLY

Interest in the Assembly seems to be growing. The place is Quiver Lake Chautauqua Grounds, near Havana; the time, August 3-10. The corresponding secretary and manager is Rev. A. C. Hodgson, 1709 N. Madison Ave., Peoria. Mr. Hodgson will promptly answer all inquiries and give all needed information. Let large numbers of our Baptist people plan to attend. The Assembly will be made especially helpful for the young people. We hope to have the same quartette of preachers, who did such splendid singing at Mt. Vernon, during the entire assembly. Quiver Lake is one of the finest fishing places in America.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT NORMAL UNIVERSITY

All Baptists planning to attend the summer school at the Normal University are requested to address Rev. E.

K. Masterson, pastor of the Normal Baptist Church, for any information desired. All will find a cordial welcome in the activities of church life at this place.

A TRACT

The Union of Baptists and other Baptists.

This tract was recently published by Rev. J. W. Smith, pastor of the Nokomis Baptist church. It is a very interesting and readable tract. It is timely, well thought out, and true to facts. They can be secured singly or in quantities by writing to the author.

Rev. L. H. Williams of Alton is supplying the church at Medora until the pastor elect, Rev. O. W. Shields, of Kansas City Seminary, takes up the work at the end of the school year. On a recent Sunday there were 174 present in the Sunday school.

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The editor and his wife left home May 14th via the Santa Fe railroad for Los Angeles to attend the Northern Baptist Convention which met in that city May 19-27. The trip across Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona was a very pleasant one. We spent two nights and a day at the Grand Canyon in Arizona. This is one of the natural wonders of the world; 217 miles long, about twelve miles from rim to rim, and on an average of one mile deep. The Colorado River runs through this gorge, a stream that averages 250 feet in width at low water and is from forty to seventy feet deep; it has a fall of twenty-five feet per mile and runs twenty-five miles per hour. It is visible from the rim at only a few points. The country, embracing New Mexico, Arizona and a part of Southern California, is, in a very large part, a barren region that never can amount to much as an agricultural region. Good crops are raised where plenty of water can be secured for irrigation, but that can be done in only a very small portion of that vast region. That portion of Southern California that has been brought under cultivation by irrigation is one of the

garden spots of the world. The fruit and flowers and climate are ideal. Los Angeles, a city of about 550,000 people, is one of the finest convention cities in the world. The theater, where the Temple church worships, is a splendid building for such a meeting as a Northern Baptist Convention. Its seating capacity is 3,400. The building was well filled most of the time and sometimes it was crowded. The limited space of the Bulletin forbids our giving anything more than a mere outline of a report of the meetings. The full report can be found in the weekly papers and Illinois Baptists should read the Standard for a full report of the Convention. The registered delegates and visitors were nearly 2,000. California furnished a large portion of them. Illinois came next, with seventy-six delegates, New York next, and Massachusetts was fourth.

We can give only a few of the mountain peaks of interest in the great Convention. The most impressive and forceful address of the first day of the meetings was by Dr. W. H. Geistweit of San Diego. The report of the Board of Education by Dr. Padelford of Boston, the Secretary, was a very strong

report, and indicates a decided forward movement on the part of Baptists in educational matters. The address of Professor Ernest Burton on the work of the Board of Managers of the Foreign Mission Society was one of the finest ever given to the convention on that subject. Dr. Carter Helm Jones, President of the Foreign Mission Society, delivered one of his unique and characteristic addresses.

One of the striking features of the Convention was the annual sermon by Dr. Carter Helm Jones, of Seattle, Wash. He preached on Church Union. He laid down as a basis of church union among all denominations Christ's great commission, "Go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He said Baptists were willing to unite with others with this as their creed. Such a creed teaches the evangelization of the world, the doctrines of the Trinity, a regenerated church membership, regeneration before baptism, Christian education, and obedience in baptism which, by the acknowledged scholarship of the world, is immersion in water. If other denominations are not willing to unite upon Christ's great commission they ought not to find fault with the Baptists if they refuse to set this aside in order to unite upon some man-made creed.

The report that caused the greatest interest and liveliest discussion was the report of the Committee on Efficiency, appointed two years ago. Among other things it recommended that the Home Mission Society of New York and the Publication Society of Philadelphia should be consolidated under the name

of the Home Mission and Publication Society, with headquarters in New York. The report could not be finally acted upon until one year later. There will be plenty of time for the consideration of this radical measure. While there has been a feeling in the denomination for some years that there is some unfortunate over-lapping in the work of these two great societies, yet the discussion seemed to be largely against adopting the recommendation.

When the report of the Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit Board was read, Dr. Morehouse had two interesting letters to read. The fund for this work was started in Philadelphia four years ago when a "Man from Pennsylvania" gave \$50,000 on condition that \$200,000 more should be raised by noon on Christmas of that year. The denomination met his condition. This year he read a letter from a layman offering \$50,000 on condition that this fund for aged ministers and missionaries could be brought up to \$600,000 by January 1st, and also a letter from Andrew Swazey of Cleveland, Ohio, giving \$200,000 without condition, in memory of his deceased wife.

The meetings of the young people and of the women's societies were said to be fully up to the average, although I could not attend all of these.

The Brotherhood Banquet was one of the best meetings ever held by that organization. There were 400 or 500 men present. The addresses by eight men from California, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts, were of a very high order.

The Publication Society with its chapel car workers present, and others,

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THE Editor returned to his desk
June 15th, having been gone thirty-
two days.

LOS ANGELES, the city where the
Convention met, has thirty-two
Baptist churches. San Francisco has
eight Baptist churches, with only a
total membership of 1500.

THE Editor and his wife and thirty-
three other people stood in the
hollow of one tree at the same time in
California, and there was room for
several others.

THE Mormon elders in Salt Lake
City are making a great effort
to instil Mormonism into the minds of
the many tourists passing through that
city this summer.

MUCH of this issue of the Bulletin
is taken up with a report of the
Convention and other things pertaining
to the Baptist interests of the Pacific
coast.

FOUR hundred and sixty-five Baptists
went in a special train on the
day following the Convention to Red-
lands, the seat of the Baptist college of

Southern California. This college is
seven years old and beautifully located,
facing snow-capped mountains. Professors
Duke and Tilton, for a long time
teachers in Shurtleff College, are
now prominent teachers there.

THE industrial conditions of this
country as affected unfavorably
by the European war, are felt nowhere
so keenly as in the cotton growing and
fruit growing states. California fruit
growers are thus greatly affected. Na-
tions in great distress must have bread
but they can get along for the time be-
ing without much fruit.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING MAY

Only a few of the churches send the full
apportionment at one time. Whenever
a payment reported in the Bulletin com-
pletes the apportionment, it will be indi-
cated by a (*) star.

*Assumption church.....	\$ 15.00
Bloomfield Association Missionary Committee	29.00
Chenoa church	10.00
*Chicago, Bethany church.....	20.00
Chicago, Covenant church	50.00
Chicago, Messiah Church	6.23
Chicago, Ravenswood church	5.00
*Chicago, Roseland First	10.00
Chicago, Woodlawn church	14.07
Collected on Mission Fields.....	11.62
Cornell church, Mrs. Brunskill Es.	10.00
Cornell church, W. F. Partridge....	5.00
Dixon church, Woman's Society....	5.00
Enon church, Rock Island Ass'n....	3.00
Evanston First Church	16.67
Hoopeston Church	4.65
Joliet, First Church.....	16.50
LaGrange church	39.30
Litchfield Church	9.89
Murphysboro church	25.00
Nokomis church	14.00
Northern Baptist Convention	150.00
*Oglesby church	18.00
Ottawa church	50.00
Perry church	4.60
Quincy, Vermont Street church....	35.00
Rock Island Association Mission- ary Committee	50.00
*Streator, Beulah Church	31.00
Total	\$658.23

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put up an especially strong program this year. At one of the night sessions Dr. Cortland Myers of Tremont Temple, Boston, spoke one hour, and while his address was unnecessarily severe in discussing orthodox positions, yet he was listened to with much interest, and the Convention seemed to be entirely in agreement with his doctrines. He takes a very hopeful view of the world and the progress of Christianity.

Sunday afternoon during the B.Y.P.U. session, a considerable number of men and women from all over the country spent several hours discussing a large objective for a five year campaign. It finally agreed upon the statement of such an objective and it was presented to the Convention and unanimously carried. This great undertaking is as follows: It is for the Baptists of the Northern Baptist Convention to aim at the following goal to be realized in five years, or by 1920:

1. One million conversions and additions to the churches by baptism.
2. Our entire missionary forces increased from 3700 to 5000 missionary workers.
3. Endowment for aged and disabled ministers and missionaries increased to \$2,000,000.
4. \$6,000,000 for the work of the Educational Board.
5. \$6,000,000 annually for all missionary work at home and abroad. The amount now raised is about \$4,000,000.

The feeling seemed to be very general that we ought to aim at something large and that this is not too large an undertaking for the 1,500,000 Baptists in the territory of the Northern Convention.

The Convention closed on Wednesday afternoon, May 26th, with a most enthusiastic meeting. The meetings were held eight days besides Sunday, and consisted of nineteen sessions: each session was from two and a half to three hours long. This gives some idea of the amount of business and discussions. The editor of the Bulletin and his wife attended almost every session through its entire length.

SOME AFTERTHOUGHTS OF THE CONVENTION

On Thursday, the day following the close of the Convention a special train was run from Los Angeles to Redlands the seat of our Baptist College. There were 450 Baptists who took this trip. About 75 or 80 automobiles met us at the station and took the whole crowd through the town and then to the campus where they were refreshed with ice cold orange juice and then to the park where a sumptuous dinner was served.

At Riverside the train stopped and automobiles took the entire 450 through the town and then before we left, women gave us each a large bouquet of flowers and the men handed out all the fine fresh oranges we could eat and carry away with us. California people know how to advertise.

It seems to the editor of the Bulletin that the Northern Baptist Convention each year becomes stronger in the utterances on the platform of old orthodox evangelical truth. This it seems to me, was especially noticeable this year.

Los Angeles is one of the best convention cities on the continent. The city is full of good hotels and rooming houses and the rates are very reasonable. The restaurants and other eat-

ing places are not surpassed in the country.

The Temple Church, where the Convention met, of which Rev. J. W. Brougher is pastor, seats about 3,400 people, and yet on Sundays the people stand in line for some time before the doors are opened in order to get a seat.

The attendance at the Convention was nearly 2,000. The largest attendance from any one state, next to California, was from Illinois. There were seventy-six delegates from Illinois.

The delegates to the convention were supplied with beautiful roses and carnations and sweet peas in abundance all through the Convention.

Next year the Convention will meet in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This will be a good place for the meetings and is so near to Illinois that we shall expect a large attendance from this state.

BAPTISTS ON THE COAST

We were very much interested in visiting Dr. Geistweit's church in San Diego. It was erected about two years ago at a cost of \$90,000. The auditorium, with Sunday School apartments thrown together, will seat 2,000 people. Its acoustic qualities are the finest of any auditorium I have ever seen. The Baptists are in the lead in San Diego. Dr. Geistweit preaches to large crowds.

Los Angeles has two of the ablest Baptist ministers of the country. Rev. J. W. Brougher of the city Temple, and Dr. James A. Francis of the First church. Dr. Brougher preaches to more than 3,000 people every Sunday. I attended a prayer meeting at the First Church and found the large lecture room crowded.

Baptist day at the Panama Exposition at San Francisco was observed

June 1st. About 450 Baptists assembled at 10:30 a. m. and followed the band of about thirty pieces, to the California building, where a number of addresses were made. The first medal of honor and recognition given by the Exposition authorities to any denomination of Christians was given to the Baptists. The first religious service and the first prayer offered in the California Building was by the Baptists. At night a mass meeting was held in the First Baptist Church. The large auditorium was full. A lengthy program was carried out and refreshments were served and a reception given by the church to the visitors.

Baptist Young People's day will be observed at the Exposition in July. The official program does not mention a special day by any other denomination. San Francisco is an exceedingly irreligious or unreligious city. All denominations are weak. The Baptists have eight churches with only 1500 members. 1000 of these white English speaking people in a population of 400,000. But weak as the Baptists are, they are, perhaps, in the best condition the denomination has ever been in San Francisco. Dr. Geo. E. Burlingame, who went from the Covenant Church, Chicago, to the First Church of San Francisco, is a great power on the Pacific coast.

SALT LAKE CITY

We had the privilege of worshipping with the Immanuel Baptist Church in Salt Lake City, Sunday night, June 6. This is a union of the First and East Side Baptist churches. Rev. J. H. Bowerman, D.D., who married in Quincy, Ill. and was for a short time pastor at Barry, went from Illinois to

Salt Lake City eight or ten years ago and took charge of the East side Mission. For some time he has been pastor of the united churches and has led them successfully in a magnificent building enterprise. The building is planned on the Corinthian style and cost \$80,000. It is a splendid building and is a credit to the Baptist cause in Utah. Salt Lake City is in many ways an exceedingly interesting city. The Mormons showed great wisdom when they selected the valley of Salt Lake as the seat of their religious and political empire. The city has the widest streets and largest blocks of any city in the world. The mountains are on three sides of it. Some of the mountains are always snow-capped. With a good irrigation system, the valley is fertile.

The Temple enclosure consisting of one block, the same as four average city blocks, contains the Tabernacle and Temple, surrounded by a very high and thick wall. We heard a free organ recital on the great organ in the Tabernacle at noon Monday. In my estimation the organ is greatly overestimated and over-advertised. I have seen many organs more than twice as large, much more powerful and with just as sweet tone; but when the crowds of strangers go to hear the organ recitals three or four times a week, the Mormon leaders take the opportunity to give them a harangue on Mormonism within the wall before they enter the Tabernacle and again when they come out, to as many as will listen to them. The Tabernacle, shaped like half an egg shell cut lengthwise, has perhaps the finest acoustic properties of any building in the world. Otherwise it is a very ugly and inartistic building. The great temple, which was

forty years in building, is a great disappointment. As a building it does not measure up to its world wide reputation. There are several buildings at our Baptist University in Chicago that scarcely took two years to build, that are superior to it. The whole temple area is beginning to look old and out of date for 20th century work. The Mormons have erected a hotel near the Temple that scarcely has an equal in America. The Gentiles, and the Jews especially, have erected some splendid modern buildings, but aside from this, Salt Lake City does not show up with many other western cities. But few new residences are being erected, almost no new business houses are being built, and many of the business places on the most prominent streets look somewhat neglected, and yet Salt Lake City is not only the center of the Mormon world, but it is the capital of Utah, is the seat of the State University, and of the state penitentiary. Salt Lake City is unlike any other city in its water supply; a beautiful stream of clear water runs down each side of all the principal streets, and there are drinking fountains at almost every corner, where the cold snow water from the mountains flows in abundance.

On our way home from the coast we spent one night in Boulder, Colo., visiting Rev. J. C. Chapin, formerly pastor of the Normal Church, a member of the board of the State Convention and trustee of Shurtleff College. He was compelled to leave Illinois and go west about fifteen years ago on account of ill health.

We spent three days, including Sunday, June 13th, in Alma, Nebraska.

visiting Mrs. Brand's brother, who has lived in that town thirty-five years, and she had never had the privilege of visiting him before. Her younger brother, whom she had not seen for ten years, and his wife, drove 200 miles in their car to visit us in Salt Lake City. Alma is a county seat town, located in a prosperous country. There are 1400 people and nine churches in the town. On the day of our arrival I made inquiry concerning the Baptists. I found they had a neat little meeting house and parsonage. They had a membership of about thirty, but had been without a pastor for five years. They keep up a Sunday school of about twenty. I announced services for Sunday morning and the little church was filled, about 100 present, and I tried to preach an encouraging and helpful sermon. Tuesday morning we arrived home feeling rested and ready for another twelve months of constant and strenuous work.

Two Panama Expositions are being held on the coast this year, one at San Diego and one at San Francisco. The one at San Diego is very much smaller and is an effort to give an exhibit of the early Indian history and early Spanish history of Central America. Mexico and the Pacific slope states. In this particular it has succeeded splendidly.

At San Francisco the architecture and building plans are very fine. While it does not equal nor approximate the World's Fairs at Chicago and St. Louis in size and extent of exhibits, yet in the beauty and grandeur and unity and harmony of the architecture

and building plans it far surpasses either of them. While we were there the attendance at both expositions seemed pitifully small for the enormous expenditure of money that has been made on the grounds and buildings.

CHURCHES

Rev. L. H. Williams of Alton has been acting as pastor of the Medora Church for several months, during which time a splendid new parsonage has been built; the church building has been handsomely decorated throughout and about twenty new members added. The Sunday school has had an average attendance of 177. The new pastor, Rev. O. W. Shields, of Kansas City Seminary, will find a splendid people awaiting him ready for aggressive work.

On May 30th, Rev. Percy W. Stephens concluded his first year's work at the First Church of Jacksonville. During the year over 110 new members have been added to the church, 65 of whom have been received by baptism. The church has called Mr. Stephens to serve as pastor indefinitely.

"I am beginning my third year at Freeport. Last Sunday \$800 was raised for an old improvement debt. For eight years nothing had been done toward an \$1800 debt. The first year I wiped out \$1000 and the remainder last Sunday. An every member canvass for missions increased benevolences 50 per cent. We have fine congregations. Have dropped 100 members and added 50; have bought an automobile to assist in pastoral work. The church is united and enthusiastically going ahead."—W. F. Bostick.

Rev. A. P. Remm closed the first year of his pastorate at Arcola May 30th. During the year there were forty-eight additions to the church and the missionary offerings greatly increased. The B. Y. P. U. is now a standard society. The church recently suffered a heavy loss in the death of Deacon O. M. Stapp.

Rev. John G. Stanton, who has been pastor at Buda for several years, reports much encouragement on that field. The B. Y. P. U. has been very active. The interest in all services has been more intense during the past winter. Eleven boys and girls professed faith in Christ Decision Day.

A union evangelistic meeting recently was held in Farmington. Twenty-five adults and twenty-two children who made a profession in the meetings expressed a preference for the Baptist church. Rev. S. C. Welsh, who has been pastor for several years, is doing a strenuous work in building up the church. Recently there were 119 men and boys present at one service and 99 women and girls.

The pastor of the Berwick church writes as follows: "It gives my heart satisfaction to assure you that even with the crop failures of the two years and the stock disease of the last year, we have succeeded in raising our full apportionment this year. The amount for the State Convention will be forthcoming in due time."

The Warren Church, Rev. Milo Moore, pastor, is in good condition. The Ladies Aid Society recently made extensive repairs on the church parlors and parsonage. Pastor Moore has received four into the church since he began his work here last December. The Ladies' Aid Society is doing a

great work. During the year 1914 they took in \$408.80. The Sunday school also is in good condition. All debts are paid, including the apportionments for Home and Foreign Missions.

The great work at Minonk continues without any decrease in interest. There is a great revival in that church, although no special meetings are being held. On May 2nd, two young men accepted Christ, and on May 9th, eighteen came forward and confessed Christ. Ten of these were young people from the Sunday school and eight adults, among them three men and their wives. Nine were baptized. The congregation filled the house and the lecture room. Rev. J. C. Oranger is the pastor.

Rev. Fred Johnson, pastor of the Waverly Church, writes that the work goes along with increasing interest, especially in the Bible school; it has increased 25 per cent in the average attendance. The church plant is being renovated inside and out.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. N. T. Hafer has been spending about two months with the Petersburg church. That church has been in a very critical condition for a year or two. It had a meeting house started and was using the basement and has not had a pastor for two years. They now have sold their lot and basement and have bought the Cumberland Presbyterian meeting house, that church having united with the Presbyterians. This gives them a splendid property for just about the amount they realized from their lot and the material in the basement. We hope there are better times ahead for the Petersburg Church.

Brother Hafer took a little time off from Petersburg and attended the meeting of the Chicago Association and spent Sunday at South Wilmington, where he baptized nine people. Brother Hafer is doing good work on some very difficult fields.

Rev. W. R. Johnson has visited a large number of churches during the past month. There is much constructive work that needs to be done on his field. Many churches and many fields need to have a better understanding concerning the work of the State Convention. He is planning some evangelistic campaigns for the near future.

Rev. J. G. Little visited over thirty towns surrounding Havana, with the Commercial Association, speaking of the coming Summer Assembly. The trip took three days, and the boosters had about thirty automobiles in line every day.

The Mason County Democrat says:

"Rev. J. G. Little, pastor of the Baptist church, would be introduced by President List as 'the man who would talk—they just couldn't keep him from it,' and Mr. Little would smilingly respond with a cracking good story and a boost for the Baptist State Summer Assembly, which follows the chautauqua. And we want to testify that Mr. Little has a repertoire of good stories—a new one for every stopping place."

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Joseph Jenkins, who has been the successful pastor at Macomb for several years, has accepted a hearty and enthusiastic call to become pastor of the Jerseyville Church and began his work the third Sunday in May.

He recently baptized twenty-six members into the Macomb church and received several on experience. While we regret to have Brother Jenkins leave the Macomb church, we are glad he will remain in Illinois.

Rev. C. A. Morehouse has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Delavan Church.

Rev. W. T. Paullin, Ph. D., who has been pastor for several years at Pontiac, has accepted a call to the South Church, Milwaukee, Wis., to begin on July 1st.

I understand that the church at Mt. Carroll has called a pastor.

A council composed of churches in the Central Illinois Association met at the New Lebanon Church, Sunday, May 16th, and ordained G. L. McDaniel, deacon.

A council was called by the Bethel Church of the Greene-Jersey County Association, which convened May 6th, to consider the matter of ordaining Rev. Roy E. Williamson to the gospel ministry. Rev. W. H. Dickman was elected moderator of the council and Thomas H. Day, clerk. The examination being satisfactory, he was recommended to the church for ordination, which was carried out in the afternoon of the same day. Mr. Williamson is a student at Shurtleff College, and has been quite successful in the ministry.

PERSONALS

Rev. H. F. Holbrook, who was last year pastor of the Oquawka and Colchester churches, is now engaged in evangelistic work. He and the company with which he works report suc-

cessful meetings in Franklin, Nebraska, during a period of three weeks.

It is reported that Rev. David Loynd and wife lost their lives in the sinking of the *Lusitania*, by a German submarine boat, and that the body of Mr. Loynd was found near the coast of Ireland, but Mrs. Loynd's body has not yet been recovered. They were English people. He was pastor of the Reynolds, Illinois church a few years ago, and later of the York church near Thomson. After they had made one or two trips to England and back, he located as pastor of the Deer Park church last fall. Some time ago he resigned the pastorate of the Deer Park church, and they sailed for England, their old home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Loynd were very highly appreciated by the people wherever they labored. We are very sorry to hear of this sad death of these two people in the prime of life and who were capable and willing to give themselves in the service of the Master.

ULTIMATUM TO EWING COLLEGE

The editor of the Illinois Baptist, in its issue of May 8th, gives the following conditions on which Ewing College can have the support of that paper, and all these things "must be made sure before June 30, 1915":

1. Four miles of good concrete road.
2. All debts provided for.
3. A system of sewerage provided for and sewerage connection with the college buildings.
4. College buildings repaired and put in shape, and also the furniture.
5. A sufficient heating plant installed.
6. Equipment in the way of apparatus, laboratories, etc.

7. A movement started for the improvement of the town of Ewing.

"Just to the extent we see these things done, or being done, will the Illinois Baptist talk up the school." etc.

And all this within just fifty-one days from the time the ultimatum was issued.

Rev. B. A. Greene, for many years pastor of the Evanston Church, and in more recent years teacher at the University of Chicago, died at St. Petersburg, Florida, May 12th, 1915, at the age of sixty-nine years and seven months. Dr. Greene was one of our ablest and noblest ministers. He was reserved and quiet in his manner; a deep thinker and a man of earnest piety. While this writer had known him for years he had never learned to appreciate Dr. Green to the fullest until seven years ago when he was stricken with a severe illness in Dr. Greene's home in Evanston. It was at that trying time that he learned to the fullest extent of the kind-heartedness and unselfish service of Dr. Greene and his wife. Mrs. Greene and his children have our profound sympathy in this their sad bereavement.

Remember the Baptist assembly at Quiver Lake, near Havana, August 3-10. Begin now to plan to attend. It will be restful and instructive. Our preachers' quartette from the Ottawa Association will be there and render helpful music all through the eight days of the assembly. They will be remembered by the excellent music they rendered at Mt. Vernon last fall. There will be much Bible instruction and helpful work for the young people. Also able sermons and addresses. For any information write Rev. A. C. Hodgson, Peoria, Ill.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS****Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.****Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

The beginning of summer finds our Home caring for sixty-nine children; all in good health and enjoying the beautiful grounds surrounding the Home. To understand what our children enjoy one must visit the Home during the summer months. It is truly a beautiful place, surrounded by its trees and flowers.

Our Sunday afternoon meetings still continue to arouse interest. Memorial Day the children took part in a patriotic program and the enthusiasm with which they entered into the exercises showed what true love they have for their country.

June is the children's month; for one Sunday in this month is given over to them as their own and on this Sunday given over to the children, should not the more fortunate children in our Sunday schools think of the less fortunate ones lacking so many of the things which they need? There are many children in our Home depending entirely upon the Home for support. An offering taken in your Sunday School either Children's Day or the last Sunday in June would help to care for these children and would give your Sunday school an interest and sympathy in helpless ones.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS****Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

The number of children in the orphanage has changed but little, if any, since our last report. Some have been placed in family homes, while other unfortunate little people have been admitted.

The recent rains have given us the best crop prospects we have ever had, though some are growing anxious lest continued rain shall interfere with cultivating and harvesting.

Contributions from the churches are coming very slowly. This is usual at this season of the year in orphanage work, and it will remain so until our orphanages find a place in the organized benevolences of the churches.

For both of our orphanage plants support has been spasmodic, while expenses have been as regular as a healthy boy's appetite. Indeed healthy appetites on the part of sixty or seventy children are responsible largely for the regularity in appearance and size of our expense bills.

Special seasons, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, have in the past, stirred the people to remember that the children in the orphanages might possibly need something to eat and wear. For these seasons we are very grateful. We would like to multiply their number until the generous impulses of our people were sufficiently frequent to supply adequate orphanage funds.

Foreign and Home Mission Societies

REV. J. Y. AITCHISON, D.D., Joint District Secretary

19 South LaSalle St., Chicago

J. Y. Aitchison, Editor

The following extracts from the annual reports of our societies will be of interest to all our readers.

From the report of the American Baptist Home Mission Society: "The whole number of missionaries and teachers supported wholly or in part by the Society has been 1,393. These have been distributed as follows: In New England, 65; in the Middle and Central States, 235; in the Southern States, 196; in the Western States, and territories, 755; in the Canadian Dominion, 8; in Mexico, 29; in Cuba, 46; in Porto Rico, 34; in El Salvador, 8: French Missionaries have wrought in 5 states, Scandinavian missionaries in 23 states, German missionaries in 23 states and Canada, negro missionaries in 15 states, Italian missionaries in 10 states, Hungarian missionaries in 8 states.

"Among the foreign populations there have been 354 missionaries and 2 teachers; among the negroes, 44 missionaries and 172 teachers; the Indians, 25 and 16; the Mexicans, 33, the Cubans, 35 and 11; the Porto Ricans, 33 and 1, respectively; in El Salvador, 8; among the Hungarians 20 missionaries and 2 teachers, and among Americans, 688 missionaries.

"The Society aids in the maintenance of 29 schools established for the negroes, the Indians, the Mexicans, the Cubans, the Porto Ricans, and the Hungarians.

* "The total membership of mission churches aided by the Society was 59,026. Into these churches there were received during the year, 8,129 members by letter and experience, and 10,823 by baptism."

From the report of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society:

"New Appointees: Of those reported last year as under appointment, the following have gone to the field and have begun their work: A. G. Adams and Mrs. Adams; Z. D. Brown and Mrs. Brown; R. N. Crawford, Miss Ruth M. Daniels, I. N. Earle, Jr., and Mrs. Earle; R. H. Fisher and Mrs. Fisher; Victor Hanson and Mrs. Hanson; Mrs. Ida M. Holder, A. D. McGlashan and Mrs. McGlashan, Miss Amorette Porter, C. E. Van Horn and Mrs. Van Horn. Messrs. Barss, Lang, Manley and Moss are pursuing further studies in this country. Messrs. Bergman and Wallis have taken pastorates temporarily, awaiting opportunity to enter the work abroad. Early in the year provision was made by which A. C. Hanna and Mrs. Hanna could be sent to their work. They were therefore appointed and have begun their work at Moulmein, Burma. W. S. Webb, a senior in the Rochester Theological Seminary, has been accepted for appointment, definite designation to be determined in the future.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

Are you going to the Summer School for Missions from June 24th, to July 2nd, at Winona Lake, Indiana? Each day will be filled with good things for children, young people and older ones. Prominent women leaders and speakers are on the program which embraces many topics. A ticket for all meetings will be \$1.50 and board and room can be secured for from \$7.50 to \$10.50 per week. It is a delightful place in which to spend a week and meet delightful people. Send for a program to Mrs. C. W. Peterson, 10903 S. Hoyne Ave., Chicago.

TWO PICTURES AS SEEN IN A HEATHEN LAND

Two brown skinned urchins without fear of soiling clothes, which consist of a cord around the waist and metal anklets and bracelets. A leper kneels and raises the stumps of his hands for baksheesh. A fakir, holy man, with tangled hair and body covered with ashes, in a small booth by the roadside, sits droning his prayers, with his begging bowl in a very conspicuous place. A group of villagers in queer native dress (or undress) pause and stare in open mouthed wonder at the white faces and strange garments of the people who are passing. A wedding procession is coming down the street, for the bridegroom, mounted on an elephant, accompanied by friends and relatives, is bringing home his bride. She is carried in a covered palanquin. From

the Hindu temple comes the beating of gongs, calling to idol worship. Before a sacred peepul tree a man is praying and offering rice—which a crow on a limb above intends to eat as soon as the man leaves. An insane man comes down the road beating his breast and shouting the name of his God.

The other picture is a mission compound in which is the chapel, plain but clean, near by is the girls' dormitory, large and airy, their weaving house, decky house, cook house and hospital ward, and busy at work or play are little brown figures. They usually sing as they work and though the words are strange, you recognize "Jesus Loves Me," "Abide With Me," and other familiar hymns. Near the dormitory is the bungalow of the missionary; it is a very old building, but with its thick thatched roof and large veranda it is comfortable. Do you like the last picture best, and what are you doing to change the first one?

The Christian Women's Peace Movement should interest us all. Briefly its aim is to teach children and others Christian ideals of peace and heroism as given in the New Testament, and to create a public sentiment against war.

Send 12 cents to the headquarters of either of the Women's Societies for a package of selected literature.

Baptist Young People's Union of Illinois

Secretary
JOHN RUTHVEN,
Morgan Park



Treasurer
SILAS ECHOLS,
Mt. Vernon

President and Editor, Albert D. Henderson, 910 E. 62nd St., Chicago.

The "State Work Campaign," founded on the B. Y. P. U. A. Standard of Excellence has fired the final shot and seven societies in Illinois are now "Standard" unions. These seven attained 100 per cent and in accordance with our rules, the Arcola Society of the Bloomfield Association, was declared winner of the round trip ticket to our Oakland Convention. Of the seven societies that tied in the race, Arcola gained the most in membership (on a percentage basis) and also had a perfect record in point of percent of members engaged in daily Bible reading. The other societies, successful in attaining the "Standard" requisites, are Mt. Vernon, Oglesby, Roodhouse, Woodlawn (Chicago), Normal, and Princeton. Eight others of the 52 competing societies acquired better than a 90 per cent rating. The results reflect a definite advance for B. Y. P. U. work throughout the state.

If you are going to answer the "all aboard" call to the special train which will carry over 100 "Os-ka-wa-was" to our 22nd International Convention in Oakland, July 7-11, you must write as early as possible to Messrs. John Ruthven, or Edwin Phelps, transportation leaders, 107 S. Wabash ave., Chicago.

The offering of your union to the "furnishing fund" of the University Baptist Church should be sent immediately to Rev. M. S. Bryant, 409 E.

Healey St., Champaign, Ill., requesting receipt from him for same. Advice as to amount of your contribution should be mailed to Secretary Glenn Shuler, Ottawa, Ill.

Put down in your calendar the dates August 3-10. This will remind you that our Illinois Baptist Summer Assembly will meet at Quiver Lake, Havana, Ill., at that time. Revs. W. B. Morris and M. S. Bryant will conduct a daily School of Methods in Sunday school and Young People's work. This important gathering is reported on other pages of "The Bulletin." Please read announcement to all your young people.

Princeton, Illinois, was recently the scene of a big associational gathering. The B. Y. P. U. was a "howling success."

The Chicago B. Y. P. U. welcomes all the state to its annual boat-ride to Michigan City, which will be held on Saturday, June 19. If you can attend or if you want to arrange for your union to meet with them on their outing, write A. B. Bowman, 2230 Indiana Ave., Chicago.

Are you arranging some systematic means of carrying your B. Y. P. U. interest and helpfulness throughout the summer? Every B. Y. P. U. can live a life of service in hot weather as well as in the cold of winter.

A. D. Henderson.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B.Y.P.U.



Director, W. B. Morris, Ashley

I had the pleasure in spending Sunday morning at Normal. Pastor Masterson is making progress in this field. The B. Y. P. U. is one of the 100 per cent societies to be reported to the Oakland convention. Sunday evening was spent in Atlanta where I spoke at the township convention. On the following Monday I went to Peoria for a conference with Rev. A. C. Hodgson about the program for our Baptist Assembly at Quiver Lake, August 3-10. We hope the brethren will plan to attend as we are expecting a strong program and a good time generally.

The Sunday at Blandville was somewhat at a disadvantage on account of rain and commencement exercises, yet we had a good service and will plan to return later.

The semi-annual meeting of the Quincy Association was held at Kinderhook where Rev. J. B. Martin is pastor. It is needless to say the meeting was well taken care of. These mid-year meetings are always interesting and profitable. It would be a good thing if more of our associations would establish this custom.

I was in Bushnell with Pastor Megan one Sunday evening. This church is doing aggressive work along all lines. A junior union with fifteen members was recently organized. Miss

May Adams is leader. On April 23rd. Pastor Megan organized a church and Sunday school at Warsaw.

While attending the convention in Lincoln I was entertained by Pastor Hilton. Mrs. Hilton's mother, who has been an invalid for some time, was called to her heavenly home about midnight, Tuesday, April 25th. It was a blessed release from severe suffering.

At the request of the Colored Baptist Union of Chicago, I spent eight days with their churches. It was most gratifying to meet the workers of the various Sunday schools, and to notice the good work that is being done.

The itinerary ended in a general rally at the Bethesda Church. A contest for attendance which was participated in by a good number of schools, showed a marked increase in nearly all. The banner was won by the Mt. Zion school of Evanston. Our state president of B. Y. P. U., Mr. A. D. Henderson, was present and gave an address that was full of good thoughts and thoroughly enjoyed by all who heard.

At the Berean church I preached to a crowded house, and after the sermon four young people accepted Christ as their Savior.

Before the next issue of the Bulletin reaches you the B. Y. P. U. convention at Oakland will have passed.

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Quiver Lake, Havana, Ill.

AUGUST 3-10

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REV. A. C. HODGSON, Peoria, Ill.

Write for Cottage and Hotel Accommodations to

REV. J. G. LITTLE, Havana, Ill.



Good Fishing at Quiver Lake, Where the Baptist Assembly will Meet Aug. 3-10



Quiver Lake Assembly Grounds

ARE YOU UNDER THE THUMB OF THIS KING?

"I am the mightiest king that ever lived. Other kings have yielded to me as a child to its sire; even have I laughed at all the gods of every land, from Osiris to Jehovah.

"With my breath have I wiped whole nations from the face of the earth.

"For me have men discarded honor and women virtue. I destroy ambition, shame priests, debauch nuns, ruin statesmen—and still they love me.

"I fill insane asylums and prisons, house my subjects in hovels and feed them on husks. Still they love me.

"Fathers give me their sons, mothers their daughters, and maids their lovers, and beg me to stay.

"With one touch have I ruined great industries.

"Judges yield to my power and advocates forget under my spell to plead.

"I burn cities. With one touch have I sunk navies and destroyed great armies.

"I never sleep.

"I turn gold into dross, health into misery, beauty into caricature and pride to shame. The more I hurt the more I am sought.

"I, by turns, raise a man to highest heaven and sink him to deepest hell.

"I am Satan's right-hand man. I do his work freely, cheerfully, and without pay, yet he is ashamed of me.

"My name is Rum. Have you ever heard of me?"—Farm and Fireside.

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Associational Meetings



The time of year is approaching when the annual associational meetings of the local associations will be held. A few of these meet in June and August, but nearly all meet in September and October. Most of the programs are made out not later than July. Many things are to be considered at these meetings. Foreign Missions and Home Missions and Woman's Home Mission and Woman's Foreign Missions, and State Missions and Publication Society and Orphanages and Education and Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. and the Budget and the Five Year Campaign; these and many others will want a hearing, and the danger is that many program committees, in trying to make a place for them all, will eliminate the chief thing for which the association was organized, viz: the cultivation of its own field.

The state of religion in the churches, the weaker churches, the pastorless churches, and the unoccupied territory within its own borders, are often entirely over-looked in the association. Often this local work is carried on in co-operation with the State Convention but even then there should be ample time given for discussion and business

concerning these fields. A few years ago one of the largest associations in the state, out of a three days' session, gave twenty minutes one morning at nine o'clock, to a discussion of the association and its needs, and the next twenty minutes to the State Convention and its work in the association, and by ten o'clock, when the people had arrived, they were ready for something else entirely outside of the association.

Every associational meeting should have stirring addresses on the general work of the denomination, but the central thought of every associational gathering is the life and growth and efficiency of the churches composing that association and the missionary territory within its bounds. Again, associational programs could be greatly simplified by grouping missionary topics; let one man represent all the general societies and one woman represent all women's work, etc. Money for missions ought to be made up by systematic work in the churches and the people who pay their expenses and take the time to go to the associations ought not to be asked to give money at the association for things outside of its own local work. And again, it is un-

reasonable and unfair for one missionary society or two to assume the right and take the privilege of passing the baskets at every associational meeting, while the other missionary organizations are not expected to do this.

Every association should control its own affairs. Those from the outside come into the life of the association by the courtesy of the association and not by any inherent right. I know quite a number of associations in the state in which a half dozen or so brethren attend, representing various interests and some representing no interest, and these men are often made chairmen of important committees and largely dominate the associations, while the pastors and laymen in the association seem to have little to do in managing of their own affairs.

In some associations you can always tell about what course they will take upon important matters when you see the brethren who are there from outside the association, some of them not living within 100 miles of its borders. As every local church should manage its affairs, so every local association should be independent and not be dominated by Home or Foreign, or State Mission secretaries, nor by editors nor any other outside influence. Wise associational officials will seek counsel and learn wisdom from all sources, but will be dominated by none.

HOW ONE MAN SECURED MONEY FOR THE LORD'S WORK

"And * * Barnabas * * * having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the Apostle's feet." Acts 4:36-37. Barnabas, who is described as "a good man and full of the Holy Spirit" saw an opportunity to use some

money for a good purpose. Other brethren were enthusiastically giving, and possibly Barnabas did not have the ready cash. But he had some property, we do not know how much, but we do know he was the owner of some land, and in order to secure some money for Christian work he sold "a field" (new version) and thereby secured some money "and brought the money and laid it at the Apostles' feet."

There are many good people in the churches today that really want to do something in a financial way for the cause of Christ, who can do but little because they do not have the money. They would like to do much more for missions, for pastoral support, and for equipment for local church work, but do not have income sufficient to do it. They have property that is not very productive; some of it may be in city lots from which they get no income and must pay heavy taxes. Some of it is in land that does not bring in much; some in houses that do not rent well, and some in stocks upon which but little dividends are being declared, and so they do not have money to give.

These same persons feel that people who are earning wages ought to give liberally because they are making money, even though they have no property. Why do not these Christian people who have property but not much income do as Barnabas did, and sell a piece of property, or borrow money on a piece of property in order to give for the Lord's work? People do this for their own personal needs; why not for the Master's work? Why leave all this property for the next generation to sell and use the money in luxurious living, or possibly for injurious and evil purposes?

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REMEMBER the Assembly at
Quiver Lake, Havana, August
3-10.

LOOK out for the blue cross on
your paper. You will not re-
ceive another copy until you renew.

BEGIN now to plan to attend the
great meeting of the Convention
in Aurora, October 18-21. We hope
that will be one of the greatest meet-
ings in the history of the Convention.

EACH association is entitled to ap-
point one delegate and one addi-
tional delegate for each 1000 members
or major fraction thereof, to represent
it in the meetings of the State Conven-
tion.

GET everyone who is interested in
the progress of Baptist affairs in
Illinois work at the associational meet-
ings for an increased circulation of the
Bulletin. There is no one influence in
the state that means more for Baptist
work than the Bulletin. It represents
all interests.

WE are now starting on the last
quarter of the year. Within
about ten weeks our books will close.

We have perhaps done the largest work
this year in the history of the Con-
vention, we undertook enlarged work
believing that the churches would stand
by and support it.

SHALL we close the Convention
year with a debt? This will de-
pend upon the attitude of the pastors
and churches toward the Convention
during the next ten weeks. If there
is a sincere and earnest effort on the
part of the churches to raise the appor-
tionment for state missions we will
come out all right, but if there is in-
difference and carelessness with regard
to the State Convention's share of the
budget, we will fail to meet our obli-
gations for the year.

A missionary education conference
will be held at Lake Geneva, Wiscon-
sin, August 6-15. This is expected to
be very interesting and helpful confer-
ence. Any Illinois Baptists who desire
to attend can correspond with Rev. W.
H. Stallings, 90 South LaSalle St.,
Chicago, Ill. This date conflicts in
part with our Baptist Assembly at Ha-
vana, but the two locations are so far
apart that there will not be much con-
flict.

THE EX-PASTOR AND HIS FORMER PARISH

Experience teaches us that a pastor,
however successful he may have been,
after he has closed his work, cannot
manage the church for his successor.
This is a phase of pastoral life that
requires more good judgment, com-
bined with strict observance of the
Golden Rule as to the proper treatment
of his successor in the pastorate than
almost any other. Many pastors write

to me and others seek a private interview with regard to the conduct of their predecessor, and occasionally one tells me how splendidly he is treated by his predecessor. Quite recently a pastor told me that a serious division was caused in his church by frequent and long visits on the part of the ex-pastor and at the same meeting a layman in another church told me that the pastor was being embarrassed and the church divided by the frequent visits of the ex-pastor on the field. Frequent, or even occasional, visits on the part of the former pastor to his old field will often cause more or less trouble. A few pastors have related to me that their chief reason for resigning was that the former pastor would not keep off their field. If the pastor was very popular with all his people, frequent visits will have a tendency to keep the people from loyally rallying around their present pastor. If the former pastor had caused any division and his successor has succeeded in healing the wounds to some extent, these difficulties will be sure to be renewed by a visit from him. One of the things that causes heartache oftentimes and hinders the work of his successor is for a man to frequently return to his old parish to celebrate weddings and officiate at funerals. It sometimes may seem very difficult to avoid these, but the greatest tact and Christian courtesy should be used. I have heard of some cases in which a retiring pastor would make a promise to young people that he would come back and marry them. It would have been much better if he had taught them to be as loyal to the next pastor as they had been to him. The return of an ex-pastor and his wife to their former parish can at times be

made an occasion of great social enjoyment and helpful in the work, but it should be by the invitation of the pastor in charge or in hearty co-operation with him. As a rule, after a man has resigned from the pastorate of a church he should refrain from all efforts in trying to manage the affairs of that church, and if he continues to make his home there and retain his membership in that church, it should be as a helpful layman.

MEANDERINGS OF THE EDITOR

On the first Sabbath after our return from the West I reported the meetings of the Convention and other things of religious interest on the Coast to a large and appreciative audience at Normal, my home church.

June 18th I made a visit to Granite City and Alton. They were in the last week of a union tabernacle meeting in Granite City. They were having considerable interest. The Baptist pastor, Rev. E. M. Ryan, was taking a very active part, and a large number of cards were being signed with preference for the Baptists.

I had a pleasant visit in the home of Pastor Stewart of the Upper Alton Church. He is much encouraged with his church work. A basement is being put under the entire church building, much of the work being done by the young men of the church.

President Potter is keeping busy during the summer months. He is enthusiastic and hopeful for the school. The outlook for Shurtleff is very encouraging.

June 22nd and 23rd I attended the Dixon Association at Mt. Carroll. There were only four sessions held. The attendance was good for that small

association, and the interest quite deep. Only forty-one baptisms were reported and there was a slight loss in the membership of the association. The reports of the churches for missionary offerings were quite good. The Mt. Carroll church entertained the association royally. That church recently put about \$16,000 repairs on the church building, making it a splendid modern building, especially well adapted for Sunday school work.

The Francis Shimer School, located at Mt. Carroll, is in a splendidly flourishing condition. The campus is fine, and all the buildings are comparatively new and modern and well equipped. This is a first class school for girls.

I spent Sunday, June 27th, at Joliet. I gave the morning to the First Church: Rev. E. J. Parsons is the pastor. Two years ago this church was very much discouraged, and in a very low condition, but it has been making advancement ever since Brother Parsons took up the work. Although the children of the city were quarantined because of scarlet fever, we had a fine congregation.

I spent Sunday afternoon at Forest Park, just outside of Joliet. The Baptists have carried on a Sunday school there for quite a number of years. Two years ago the neighborhood built a \$2500 house, but as there was no church responsible for this mission it has not prospered. We hope to arrange for one of the churches in Joliet to hold this property and arrange for the \$500 debt to be paid and carry on definite Baptist work there.

Sunday night I preached at Ridgewood Church, of which Rev. John H. Martin is pastor. The church is now

engaged in an extensive improvement proposition, putting a good basement under the whole building. This work is being done almost wholly by the men of the church, with the expenditure of but little money.

Monday, June 28th, I met with the program committee of the State Convention in Chicago. We hope to have a good program for our October meeting completed soon.

I went to Graymont July 4th to assist in rededicating the church there, in which \$1600 repairs have been put. Rev. Ray Foster is the pastor and he and his people have made their meeting house thoroughly modern and suitable for the work needed to be done in Graymont. It rained us out and the dedication was postponed for one Sunday.

I gave Sunday night, July 4th, to the Pisgah Negro Church in Edwinstown. Dr. Borden, our state missionary among the colored people was there and preached a splendid sermon.

Monday night I had a conference with Rev. S. H. Gibson, Superintendent of Negro work for Illinois, and Rev. E. H. Borden, D.D., the Negro State Missionary.

Tuesday evening I met some persons in Tonica to look after that church property, and then drove to Oglesby, where I attended a splendid young people's meeting of that church, and on Wednesday night I attended the prayer and business meeting of the Rochelle Church, where the pastor is closing his work.

Thursday I went to St. Charles to visit Deacon C. J. Fellows, one of the last old Baptists in that town, who is

very sick, and also to look after the Baptist property in that place.

Sunday morning July 11th, I addressed the congregation of the First Church in Decatur, which is now pastorless. At two o'clock I met a committee from a church that is in trouble in the Bloomfield Association, and at 3:30 met the official members of the Riverside Church, and at night preached at the East Park Church. This church is one of the liveliest churches I have been in for some time. The congregation was fine. There were fifteen present in the main choir on the platform, and a junior choir of nine voices in front of the organ. A splendid male quartet rendered several selections. These four singers all came into the church during the recent revival. I took an interurban car and got home at 2 a. m. Monday, and am today (Monday) writing the matter for the July Bulletin.

CHURCHES

The Hoopeston Church, of which Rev. R. M. Scott is pastor, recently received sixty-five new members, of which fifty-three were by baptism. The church will make its full apportionment for missions.

Dr. W. E. Mundell, pastor at Carrollton recently received six new members, among them the county superintendent of schools, whom he baptized. The church will make its full apportionment for missions.

The church at Rantoul has called its pastor, Rev. W. E. Pool, to remain as pastor for another year. The church has adopted the weekly giving plan.

Rev. C. C. Smith of Roodhouse recently installed a new pipe organ in

that church. Brother Smith is himself a splendid and enthusiastic organist.

Through the assistance of Rev. H. W. Read and the First Baptist Church of Rock Island, and other white people, the Negro Baptist Church of Rock Island has been cleared from indebtedness after a struggle of more than twenty years. Dr. Read writes, "The colored people are happy beyond power of expression. The prayers of the years of discouragement are more than answered. All they can do is to thank God and their contributory friends."

"The outlook at the Marion Avenue Baptist Church, Aurora, is very encouraging, all branches of the church are working together for a greater future. Only recently, through the untiring efforts of their pastor, Rev. Henry Clay Miller, the church enjoyed the dedication of a new Estey pipe organ."

The Bethel Church in the Salem Association, of which Rev. A. H. Ford is pastor for half time, has remodeled its meeting house to the extent of \$2,500. The re-dedication is set for August 15th. This is a country church with a fine field for work.

Rev. J. M. Jones, pastor of the Carthage Church, writes, "The church was never more united than now, beautiful in spirit, very active, with manifestations of a revival spirit now appearing. The Bible School has increased to more than double what it was six months ago."

The Erie Church recently showed its appreciation of the pastor and his wife according to the following notice in a local paper of June 12th: "On Wednes-

day afternoon Mrs. Duff surprised the Baptist Aid Society by entertaining them to lunch, it being their anniversary meeting. While Mrs. Duff was engaged in the kitchen, the Aid Society smuggled in six elegant dining room chairs as a surprise on Mr. and Mrs. Duff. The presentation was made by Miss Foster, reminding them that it was five years since they were married. There were 25 members of the Society present."

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

The associations of the state hold their meetings at the following places, beginning on the date named:

Association, Place	Date
Chicago, Englewood-First Church, June 3	
Dixon, Mt. Carroll.....	June 22
Bay Creek, Martinsburg	Aug. 6
Clear Creek, Jonesboro	Aug. 7
Louisville, Flora	Aug. 12
Sandy Creek, East Union Church, Aug. 17	
Apple Creek, New Hope Church, Aug. 19	
Greene-Jersey Co., White Hall, Aug. 25	
Rock Island, Aledo	Aug. 31
Macoupin County, Modesto	Sept. 1
Salem South, Camp Ground Ch., Sept. 2	
Big Saline, Bethel Church	Sept. 3
Shelby, Oak Grove Church.....	Sept. 3
Bloomfield, Danville	Sept. 7
Central Illinois, Atterbury	Sept. 7
Westfield, Bethel	Sept. 7
Rehoboth, Hurricane Church	Sept. 10
Franklin, Antioch Church.....	Sept. 10
Aurora, Joliet 1st Church.....	Sept. 13
Salem, Rozetta Church	Sept. 14
Morgan Scott Co., Winchester.....	Sept. 15
Kaskaskia, Vandalia	Sept. 15
Antioch, Columbus Church	Sept. 17
Bloomington, Pontiac	Sept. 20
Gilman, Hoopeston,	Sept. 21
Mt. Erie, Barnhill Church	Sept. 22
Quincy, Quincy, First Church.....	Sept. 22
Union, Cypress	Sept. 23
Mattoon, Strasburg	Sept. 24
Ottawa, Ottawa	Sept. 28
Saline County, South America Ch., Sept. 29	
Alton, Centralia	Sept. 29
Palestine, Olive Branch Church, Oct. 1	
Olney, Freedom Church	Oct. 5
Rock River, Rockton	Oct. 5
Southern Illinois, Murphysboro	Oct. 5
Springfield, Auburn	Oct. 6

Peoria, Osceola	Oct. 6
Fairfield, Dahlgren	Oct. 7
Nine Mile, Pinckneyville	Oct. 12
Williamson, Carterville	Oct. 15
State Convention, Aurora	Oct. 18

PERSONALS

Rev. M. P. Boynton and family went to their summer home in Michigan the 28th of June, for their annual vacation until September 1st. Dr. Boynton has been pastor of the Woodlaw Church of Chicago for eighteen years.

Rev. Robert Purdy of Sciota, the blind preacher, recently underwent an operation at the hospital in Macomb. We hope he will soon regain his usual strength.

Rev. J. H. Bagwill of Chillicothe, Sparland and Steuben, had planned to attend the Convention in Los Angeles, but he was in great demand for various kinds of anniversary sermons on his large field, and this being his first year, he felt that he ought to forego the pleasure of attending the Convention this year and stand by his work without any break in the services. Brother Bagwill is doing a large work.

Rev. John D. Rumsey, pastor at Mattoon, was quite sick for five weeks. We are glad to know that he is much better. His people showed him very great kindness and this summer he will take the first vacation he has had since he began work in Mattoon.

Rev. John A. Howard and his wife, Grace L. Howard, of Midnapore, India, sent a circular letter to their friends in America. They are in excellent health and seem to be enjoying their work very much. They are already having conversions and baptisms in their mission.

TWO HISTORY MAKING LETTERS

Attention already has been called to two letters read by Dr. Morehouse at the meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention at Los Angeles. One letter contained an unconditional gift of \$200,000 to the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, the other an offer of \$50,000 more conditioned upon the denomination adding \$125,000 besides. If these conditions are met the total fund of the Benefit Board will be \$650,000. Mr. Swazey's gift was a memorial to his wife. Why cannot others help to raise the amount required by the conditional offer by modest memorial gifts to the Benefit Board at this time? Living monuments are more enduring than brass. Why not write Dr. H. L. Morehouse President, or Dr. E. T. Tomlinson, Executive Secretary, 23 East 26th Street, New York City?

E. T. Tomlinson,
New York.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING JUNE

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Aledo Church	\$11.00
Alton, First Church	96.80
*Atwood Church	12.00
Berwyn Church	25.00
*Buda Church	45.00
Chicago, Pilgrim Temple Church	20.00
Chicago, Woodlawn Church	16.49
Chicago, S. C. Mason	10.00
Collected on Mission Fields	298.06
Damascus Church	5.00
Danville, First Church	16.00
DeKalb Church	30.00
El Paso Church	35.00
Evanston, First Church	16.67
Fairbury Church	23.12
Glasford Church	3.00
Dixon Church	23.00
*Hoopeston Church	6.67
*Lena Church	12.50
Lincoln Church	25.00

Macomb Church	10.00
*Paw Paw Church	47.00
*Quincy, Vermont St. Church	55.00
Rock Island Association Missionary Committee	49.99
Roseville Church	50.00
Stillman Valley Church	18.00
Upper Alton Church	44.15
Total	\$1004.45

PASTORAL CHANGES

Mr. Sutton of Kilbourne, Ill., a student at Rochester Seminary, is supplying the Easton Church during the summer.

Rev. A. P. Garrett, after about four years of successful work at Cairo has resigned the pastorate and will close his work soon. A local paper states, "Mr. Garrett's resignation was received with deep regret by members of his congregation, and efforts are being made to have him reconsider his decision."

Rev. J. L. Meads, after a splendid pastorate of several years with the First Baptist Church of Benton, resigned the pastorate to return to evangelistic work. He will make his headquarters in Chicago. He is a strong preacher and successful and safe evangelist.

Rev. W. Pitman, who has been pastor of the former Free Baptist Church of Johnston City, has offered his resignation. The church writes a very strong letter of appreciation of his work, in which it says, "The church is not only losing a good pastor, but a God-fearing and sin-hating Christian gentleman." For four years he was re-elected pastor each year with an increase of salary of \$100 each year. He left his church with an enrollment of about 300.

Rev. A. L. Lockert has accepted a call and located with the Deer Park

Church. Brother Lockert was formerly pastor of this church for several years. We are glad to welcome him back to Illinois. Deer Park is a fine country field.

Rev. W. T. Paullin, Ph.D., closed his three and a half year's pastorate at Pontiac July 1st. Dr. Paullin was highly appreciated, both in the Bloomington Association and the state. A letter from a member of the church states, "The church gave a farewell reception in honor of him and his family on June 29th. A large number of the church and congregation were in attendance to bid them farewell, and they departed with the best wishes of all."

Rev. E. O. Bradshaw closed his work at Dixon after a pastorate of three years. He has been elected to take charge of the summer vacation schools in Chicago.

The Mt. Carroll Church, after having been pastorless for six or eight months, has located Rev. Geo. C. Fetter. Brother Fetter comes from the East, having been the assistant pastor of Rev. Woelfkin. He later took some work at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Craig S. Thoms, after a brief pastorate of one year of the Moline Church, has resigned to take a professorship in the South Dakota State University at Vermilion. Dr. Thoms was pastor of the Baptist church in that town for fifteen years.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

The church at Gardner had been closed up for five or six years, although they had a good meeting house and practically a new parsonage. Some time ago Missionary Hafer visited the field and talked up the work among

the people. About two months ago Pastor Cyrus Webb of Streator became interested in the field and finally held a series of meetings resulting in about a dozen additions to the church, six or seven of them by baptism. The church was greatly encouraged, regular work undertaken, and a Sunday school organized with about fifty members. Rev. H. C. Fulton, our missionary at South Wilmington was secured as pastor supply for half time. Brother Webb did a splendid work at Gardner.

Rev. H. F. Jones, our State Missionary for the western side of the state has changed his home from Colchester to Macomb. Mr. and Mrs. Jones will be greatly missed in the church at Colchester, where they have resided for about eight years.

Rev. James F. Goodman, our missionary pastor at Rochelle, has offered his resignation and will close his work there July 18th.

Rev. W. R. Johnson has been assisting Rev. V. Colbert for a few weeks at Madison and North Venice, gathering up the results of the union meeting in Granite City, where our North Venice and Madison people took great interest. They have been having good success in these meetings.

The State Convention took some stock in a new tent purchased for work in the Alton Association. Rev. V. Colbert, who works half his time as missionary evangelist for that association, is using it.

The wife of Rev. E. A. Riney of Aledo was seriously ill for a time and it was thought an operation would be necessary, but when last heard from she was rapidly regaining her health. Brother Riney has the Aledo, Reynolds

and Enon church combination. The Reynolds people are planning to repair their meeting house.

Rev. J. H. Cozad held a meeting at East Park Church, Decatur. He secured the services of a singer from Chicago. The result was fifty-eight additions to the church, nearly all adults. This church has put a basement under its entire building and is doing grand work under the splendid leadership of the pastor.

Rev. W. R. Crume, our missionary at Fairfield, attended the Convention at Los Angeles. He and his church are planning for a \$2000 improvement on the property. They now have an average in the Sunday School of 82. The men's class has arranged playgrounds for the children and young people of the Baptist church.

Rev. F. M. Dunk has completed three year's work as our missionary pastor at Oglesby. During that time the church has made such advancement that it is now one of our leading churches in Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work, in missionary giving, in evangelism and in church attendance.

Rev. H. C. Fulton, who has been our missionary at South Wilmington, has taken the Gardner church in connection with South Wilmington, and supplies both churches. The two towns are only about three miles apart.

Rev. G. P. Burdon writes encouragingly of the work at St. Anne. He says, "Things are going very nicely here and the prospect is very encouraging. We have renovated our church and are working hard to remove our debt. We are going to be able to meet our state mission apportionment."

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Maywood, Illinois

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Editor and Field Secretary

5742 Maryland Ave., Chicago

June 12th, the matron and members of the Home, assisted by the committee on entertainment welcomed most cordially and hospitably a houseful of guests who came to bring them greetings and enjoy with them the Annual Birthday Party. The current expense fund was increased \$130 by the silver offerings left by the guests. All were delighted with the Home. On Mother's Day a Sunday school class from the Berwyn Baptist church visited the Home and gave flowers to every member. They carried away loving thoughts of our aged ones who greatly appreciated this loving ministry. Three more ladies have recently been received into the Home.

The first thousand towards the \$5,000 conditional gift has been promised, and the last \$100 on the second thousand pledged. *Where are the other nine?* The few months for securing this will soon pass. We must not fail. Every dollar now means two. Send in your contribution toward this offering for the endowment of the Home.

A lady from New York sent \$5.00 in gold to be one of 200 to make a third thousand. *Where are the 199?*

Let us hear from you. Have a part in this provision for the permanent maintenance of the Home.

Rev. Geo. W. Stoddard of Streator preached a sermon before the Odd Fellow Lodge June 13th, and for the Knights of Pythias June 20th.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

**Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

The first of July finds the Home full of healthy, patriotic little citizens, all planning for a glorious fourth of July.

This is the vacation season. Children as well as older people enjoy a vacation. A number have been placed in homes; but there are others waiting to be placed. The Superintendent can secure transportation free for these children if individuals will agree to provide home and food for them for from three to six weeks. Mrs. Frank Danforth of Minonk has taken two of our girls for the summer.

Already responses are coming as a result of letting the Sunday School children have a part in helping the Home. If your Sunday school has failed to get its offering in the last Sunday in June, try and make your offering during the month of July.

The Home has sustained a great loss in the death of its treasurer, Mr. Frank B. Pease. He served as legal adviser, treasurer and supporter of the Home.

Note:—The second payment of the sustaining membership pledges is now due. We hope our friends will kindly send in their second payments as willingly and thoughtfully as they did their first.

Fifty-three Baptist students from the churches in the Chicago Association are attending the State University. Chicago Baptists have as much cause to take an interest in our State University work as those in other parts of the state.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS

Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.

Last year at this time we were bewailing the lack of rain. Everything in the shape of vegetation was drying or burning up. Just now and for many weeks we have been fighting weeds and grass in the garden, and on the farm because of an excess of rain. However, we are rejoicing in the fact that we have an abundance of potatoes, cabbage, green beans, beets, and other "garden sass."

OUR BOYS CLUBS

We have recently organized two Boys' Clubs. One is known as the H. H. Club and the other as the W.W. Club. In the former we have nearly 20 boys, and in the latter only two at present.

The H. H. boys are "Honest Helpers" and the other fellows are our "Weary Willies." This latter club did not grow by voluntary choice of its members, but was made up of those who naturally fell into the "Weary Willie" class. The first club is very popular, while the other is shunned.

It would do our friends good to see the H. H. boys fighting the grass and weeds. They are developing quite a fighting spirit against such intruders into our farm and garden.

THEIR OWN GARDENS

The H. H. boys have garden plots of their own. By the care they give these plots one can foresee who will be responsible self-directing forces. They are permitted to plan their own garden and plant what appeals to them.

Foreign and Home Mission Societies

REV. J. Y. AITCHISON, D.D., Joint District Secretary

19 South LaSalle St., Chicago

J. Y. Aitchison, Editor

BAPTIST NATIONAL SLOVAK TRAINING SCHOOL

In response to an imperative and growing demand, the following men met at the Chicago office of The American Baptist Home Mission Society, on May 13, 1915, to consider the advisability of establishing a training school for pastors and missionaries, working among the Slovaks of this country. Those present were: Rev. Charles A. Brooks, New York City; Rev. Frank L. Anderson, Chicago; Rev. Jacob Meier, Chicago; Rev. Judson B. Thomas, Chicago; Rev. K. W. Strzelic, Milwaukee; Rev. John Fort, Chicago; Mr. Charles Brazda, Chicago; Rev. V. Kralicek, Chicago; Rev. V. Hlad, Chicago; Mr. Abram Bowers, Chicago; Rev. John Y. Aitchison, Chicago.

After careful consideration and discussion the following action was taken: That a Board of Managers of sixteen members and representing various interests, be constituted as follows: One from The American Baptist Home Mission Society; one from the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention; five from the Executive Council of Chicago; one from the Slovak churches; two from the Bohemian churches; two from the Polish churches; one from each of the follow-

ing State Conventions: Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana.

A Board of Directors was constituted, and suitable working committees appointed. The First Bohemian church of Chicago was selected as the temporary location of the school. A provisional curriculum of study has been worked out, and, with a generous contribution from the Home Mission Society, two teachers have been elected, Mr. Strzelec of Milwaukee, for the Polish, and Mr. Kralicek for the Bohemian departments.

The project has thus been launched and the school will open early in September of this year. This is not intended as a Theological Seminary, but as a training school for workers among these people who are now so neglected by Protestant Christianity. We bespeak for this enterprise the sympathy and co-operation of our Baptist pastors and churches that it may speedily prove a valuable denominational asset and as such advance the work of giving the Gospel to the Slovak people of our country.

Judson B. Thomas,
President of the Board.

John Y. Aitchison,
Secretary of the Board.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

The State Board is anxious to secure a larger attendance of women at the coming meetings of the associations and more interest in the session given to women's missions. This work is ours and we alone are responsible for interesting others and securing funds for maintaining the societies.

It sometimes happens that those who are responsible for arranging the programs do not begin in time and the meetings are not as interesting as they should be. They frequently are not advertised enough by drawing the attention of women to that part of the association. Will each woman who reads this, ask herself what she can do towards making the meetings a success? Probably you can at least attend and induce some one else to go, perhaps you can secure several and no one knows what may be the result. When there, do not forget the State meeting in Aurora on the 19th of October. Talk it up and try to have the association represented by a large delegation. The association president should surely attend and if it will make it easier for her to do so, arrange for the association to pay her expenses. Induce the young women to go as the program is to have much which will be of interest to them. The work in the state needs the help of every woman in some form, will she give it? Will you help?

There is a new book for junior mission study—it is called "Around the World with Jack and Janet." The author is Miss Norma Waterbury, who recently accompanied her mother, Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, and Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery on their trip abroad. Get it for your young people, for it is a fascinating story.

The Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society has prepared a new form of organization for young women. The general plan is similar to that of the Camp Fire Girls. There is an initiation, drills, exercises, tokens, ceremonials, and order of meeting, quite different from the old form. There is a novelty about it which appeals to girls. Write to the above society at 2969 Vernon Avenue, Chicago, for literature about the "Pathfinder Girls" and organize them into a "Fire-side" which is the name of the local group. Tell the girls this, written from Hopo, China. One of the brightest girls in our school at Hopo is betrothed to an imbecile and a physical degenerate. Herself a splendid specimen of young womanhood, she must go through life tied to this living death because thus bound in infancy. There is only one way of escape, that is, that her freedom be purchased when she may follow her inclination to work for others. Fifty dollars gold will do this. Will anyone give it?

Baptist Young People's Union of Illinois

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REPORT ON STANDARD WORK CAMPAIGN

Number of entrants, 52; "Standard" unions, 7; "Star" unions, 13; "Striving" unions, 4; no reports from 28; total of 52 unions.

Church	Division	Association	Percentage attained	Percent. gain in membership	Perct. members engaged in daily Bible Reading
Arcola	Central	Bloomfield	100	137.5	100
Mt. Vernon	Southern	Southern Illinois	100	58.4	79.1
Oglesby	Northern	Ottawa	100	33 1-3	62 26-27
Roodhouse	Central	Greene-Jersey	100	32	100
Woodlawn	Northern	Chicago	100	27	50
Normal	Central	Bloomington	100	21.21	60.3
Princeton	Northern	Ottawa	100	20	83
Englewood	Northern	Chicago	96	30	60
Buda	Northern	Ottawa	96	13 plus	88
Second, Chgo	Northern	Chicago	80	150	90
Western Ave	Northern	Chicago	80	16	50
Roseland	Northern	Chicago	80	—	50
Rock Island	Northern	Rock Island	92	10	—
Winchester	Southern	Morgan-Scott	80	50	—
Mattoon	Central	Bloomfield	97.42	—	—
Rantoul	Central	Bloomfield	96	60.33	50
Brimfield	Central	Peoria	96	100	—
Galesburg	Central	Peoria	88	33 1-3	58
Toulon	Central	Peoria	96	27	50
Carthage	Central	Salem	96	11 9-31	56 14-31
Calvary	Northern	Chicago	76	9	—
Otawa	Northern	Ottawa	72	8	60
Austin	Northern	Chicago	60	—	20
Jacksonville	Southern	Morgan-Scott	60	25	8 1-3

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN SHULER,
General Secretary.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B.Y.P.U.



Director, W. B. Morris, Ashley

I want to call special attention to the Sunday school, and Young People's section of the program of our Baptist Summer Assembly, August 3-10, to be held at the Quiver Lake Chautauqua Grounds, Havana, Illinois. Each morning at ten o'clock will be held two simultaneous classes. One will be in charge of Rev. Martin S. Bryant, pastor of the University Church, Champaign. Mr. Bryant will conduct a mission study class, using as a text book, "Following the Sunrise." This class will be of unusual interest to all who desire to take the course.

The other class will deal with Sunday school methods and problems. Prof. R. M. Utterback, the efficient superintendent of the Mattoon Baptist Sunday school, will conduct the study on the first three days. The following subjects will be dealt with: "Organization," "Equipment," and "Administration." Prof. Utterback has proven himself a master in his own school along all these lines, and is entitled to speak with authority. Being at the head of the Mattoon Business College he is a teacher of marked ability.

Pastor Hilton will speak Friday on "The Sunday School Objective." Here also we may expect something worth

while. Mr. Hilton is not only the successful pastor of the church at Lincoln, but he is also very emphatically a Sunday school pastor, and thoroughly interested in modern methods.

On Saturday Rev. T. H. Marsh of Aurora will speak on "The Combined Service." For several years he studied the subject with a view of putting it into operation, and finally persuaded his church to adopt the plan, which has been in successful operation for some time and has been taken up by a number of other churches in Aurora.

On Sunday the Sunday school hour will be in charge of Hon. Owen Scott of Decatur. Mr. Scott has been for many years one of the foremost Sunday school workers in the state, a member of the Executive Committee of the Illinois State Sunday School Association, and also for seven years a member of the Baptist State Sunday School Committee. We are sure his plan of conducting the session will be of profit to all who attend. On Monday and Tuesday, your Baptist State Sunday School Director will speak on "A Modern Curriculum," and "Evangelism". Bring your note books with you and take the message home to your school, make a special effort to attend the first session and remain until the last.

If a Baptist preacher were to declare that he accepts the Methodist position on baptism and will administer sprinkling or immersion as baptism and baptize an irresponsible infant if the parents desire it, he could hardly expect to be invited to the pastorate of Baptist churches, and would have no cause of complaint if his brethren in the ministry should refuse to recommend him to churches desiring a pastor. But how about a pastor, who, while he might not administer sprinkling or infant baptism, will do all in his power to lead his church to receive into membership those who have never been immersed nor received believers' baptism? Some of these brethren would raise the cry of persecution if churches seeking pastors were warned against their unbaptistic teachings. It is not only the privilege but the duty of an association to withdraw the hand of fellowship from a church and its pastor that received unbaptized persons into its membership. A Baptist church that receives members upon their infant baptism and sprinkling has already, by its own act, taken itself out of the denomination, and it has no cause for complaint if the denomination refuses to follow it.

The Baptist Assembly will meet at Quiver Lake, near Havana, August 3-10. The people seem to be taking considerable interest in this Assembly, especially in Central Illinois. While the Baptist young people have tried on several occasions to run a chautauqua, the Baptists of this state have never yet attempted to hold an assembly, a quiet retreat for the people to meet for a real vacation combined with recreation and study. Such an assembly will be attempted at Havana in August. This assembly will be made especially helpful for young people. Let all who can plan to attend. Tents will be on the grounds to accommodate the local Chautauqua just preceding the assembly. As many of these tents will be retained as will be needed. Write Rev. A. C. Hodgson, Peoria, and engage a tent.

Rev. W. W. Morgan of East St. Louis, died a few weeks ago. Brother Morgan was formerly a missionary pastor of the State Convention and started the Baptist work in Granite City. On account of throat trouble he gave up the ministry about ten years ago. He was a son-in-law of Rev. J. W. Sanders of Andalusia, Ill.



Rev. and Mrs. David Loynd

This is a cut of Rev. David Loynd and wife, who lost their lives when the Lusitania was destroyed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland. Their bodies

were recovered and buried at Queenstown. Mr. Loynd had three pastorates in Illinois, viz: Reynolds and Enon, York and Deer Park.

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FIVE YEAR PROGRAM



Most of the readers of the Bulletin know by this time what "The Five Year Program" is, but to keep the matter clearly before the minds of our readers, we will re-state it:

The Northern Baptist Convention at Los Angeles, adopted the following program as a goal to which the churches represented in the Northern Baptist Convention should aim and work and pray during the next five years, i. e., we shall aim to accomplish the following results by the year 1920:

1. One million additions to our churches through conversion and baptism.

2. An increase of our missionary force from 3700 to 5,000, i. e., all missionaries supported by our churches, Foreign, Home, State and City, shall reach 5000.

3. The fund for the benefit of aged and disabled ministers and missionaries shall reach \$2,000,000. This fund now amounts to about \$500,000.

4. A fund of \$6,000,000 to be raised for Christian Education at home and abroad.

5. That by 1920 we shall have an annual income for all missionary endeavor at home and abroad, of \$6,-

000,000. Our annual income is now about \$4,000,000.

We have already arranged a place for a discussion of this program at our State Convention meeting in October. I desire to suggest that a place be given to it at all the local associations, if possible. We do not want to wait until the five year period is half gone before we begin to take this matter seriously. I recently mentioned it to a young people's society and they at once said they would take their share of the 1,000,000 converts, and in the hot weather they hold street meetings and are having conversions. That same church has made its full apportionment and within less than five years can double it. This great program should appeal to all of us. It is too big to allow any little petty selfish interest to get in the way. Some people are so "far sighted" that they cannot see anything but foreign missions, and seem incapable of appreciating the needs of America and what it means to save our own country. And some are so "near sighted" that they cannot see beyond their own little field and seem incapable of understanding the meaning of foreign missions. Well,

the five year program is not a Foreign Mission movement; it is not a State Convention movement; it is not a woman's movement, nor a man's movement, but a great onward movement by the whole denomination for the whole work of the Kingdom in the whole world. In reaching this goal all interests at home and abroad will be benefited.

Illinois is one of the states that ought to take the lead in this great program; perhaps we ought to lead all others for the following reasons:

1. We are so centrally located that we exercise a large influence both east and west.

2. Our great metropolis is a great Baptist center because of the schools and headquarters for some missionary societies.

3. Because of our great wealth; Illinois is one of the most prosperous and richest states in the Union.

4. Because of our large Baptist population, and of our strong churches. In this state we have much of the push and aggressiveness of the West and the steadfastness of the East; much of the conservativeness of the South and some of the liberalism of the North; why should we not make use of the best of all of these and push out to realize this great program?

5. We have residing in our own state the president of the Northern Baptist Convention, who is already taking a deep interest in this work and formulating plans for the realization of this goal.

While this is a great denominational movement, yet the denomination is made up of individuals, and the results can only be secured by individual ef-

fort. Every one who wins a soul to Christ; every one who will encourage suitable young people to become missionaries, and who will plan his own finances and help to organize the finances of the church with reference to the larger work of the Kingdom. will be helping along with the "Five Year Program."

PERSONALS

We are sorry to learn that Rev. E. J. Fisher, D.D., pastor of the Olivet Colored Baptist Church in Chicago, died Aug. 3. He had been sick for about three months. Dr. Fisher was pastor of the largest church in membership, perhaps, in the western states.

Rev. J. L. Watson, who was formerly pastor at Virden, Taylorville and Pinckneyville, but who has been working in Missouri for quite a number of years, has returned to his home in Sullivan, Illinois. For the present they will live with his wife's aged mother and he will continue to give his time to evangelistic work. He is also open to supply churches when not engaged in meetings.

The Temple University of Philadelphia, recently conferred the title of Doctor of Sacred Theology upon Rev. N. T. Hafer, of Princeton, one of the missionary evangelists of our State Convention. The Temple University of Philadelphia is a very flourishing and popular school under the management of the Temple Baptist Church, of which Dr. Russell H. Conwell is the pastor. Brother Hafer pursued a correspondence course continuously for eight years with this school before the degree was granted. We congratulate Dr. Hafer upon this successful work.

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"Entered as second-class matter, June 12,
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ONLY about one and a half months
remains until the books close,
and but few churches have made their
full apportionments.

PERHAPS one-half of our State
Convention churches have not
yet contributed anything for state work
this year. Do not wait until September
before making any attempt in this
respect.

DO not forget to have your asso-
ciation appoint delegates to the
State Convention at Aurora. Each
association is entitled to one delegate
and one additional for each 1000 mem-
bers.

FOUR of the five members of the
building committee of the Uni-
versity Church have been selected and
have accepted the position. Another
member will be secured and the com-
mittee will meet for organization and
preliminary work August 12th.

THE first of September every pastor
or church clerk, where there is
no pastor, will receive a statement—if
the church is in arrears on its appor-
tionment. This statement will give the
apportionment and how much has been
received since October 1st. We do this
to help the pastors bring their churches
up on state missions.

"We must go where the denominations
are thickest." This is the declaration of
a writer in a leading Disciple paper. It
is preceded by this sentence: "Just as sure
as Luther was sent to the Catholics, and
Wesley to the Episcopalians, we are called
of God to preach to the denominations."
These remarkable statements are followed
by this paragraph: "If there is a town of
500 people with one church, and another
town of the same size with five churches,
we must go where the five are. It is over
churched and we must go to eliminate.
The one church can take care of the re-
ligious interests better than the five can.
One boil on the body is better than five."
If there is a worse case of sectarian me-
galomania we do not know of it. We hope
that this good brother who is sitting at the
bottom of his denominational well is lone-
some, but from some things we hear, we
fear he has companions.—The Standard.

Anyone who is familiar with the
spirit and methods of the "Christian"
(?) Disciples denomination, knows
that the above quotation is a fair state-
ment of their position. And yet there
are a few Baptists here and there that
want to form a union with them. Such
a union means the elimination of any
true Baptist church.

The Normal University is becoming
more and more a popular school. A
considerable number of Baptist stu-
dents attend. If any of these desire in-
formation with regard to rooms, board,
etc., the pastor of the Baptist church
would be glad to serve them. All are
made welcome to all the church ser-
vices.

Edward Kurtz Masterson, Pastor.

REGARDING BAPTIST STUDENTS

"I would be glad if pastors and
friends of Baptist students entering the
University of Illinois next month would
drop me a line concerning them suffi-
ciently in advance so that I may mail
them a card before they leave home re-
garding the time and place of the ser-
vices of the University Baptist
church."—Martin S. Bryant, Univer-
sity Pastor.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING JULY

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Alpha Church	\$ 22.67
Alton, Cherry Street Church	15.66
Aurora, Marion Avenue Church	15.00
*Berwick Church	101.00
Bethel Church	8.27
Bloomfield Association Mis. Com.	50.00
Bradford Church	9.59
Bulletin Subscriptions	79.59
Carthage Church	18.00
Centralia Church	9.13
Champaign Church	96.50
Champaign Sunday School	3.50
Chicago, Austin Church	37.82
Chicago, Covenant Sunday School	28.00
Chicago, First Church	19.28
*Chicago, Maplewood Church	25.00
Ravenswood Church	8.00
Chicago, Western Avenue Church	13.56
Chicago, Woodlawn Church	14.68
Chrisman Church	10.78
Collected on Mission Fields.....	262.01
Cordova Church	22.78
Cordova Sunday School	5.20
Decatur, First Church	11.23
Dixon Church	10.00
Elgin, First Church	50.00
Evanston Church	16.67
Fairbury Church	10.35
Fairfield Church	3.00
Home Mission Society	75.00
Hoopeston Church	5.60
Hudson S. S.	5.00
Interest on funds	275.00
Kane Sunday School	4.00
Lexington Church	4.57
Lincoln Church	15.00
Mattoon, Central Church	30.00
McLean Church	7.00
Monmouth Church	14.50
Murphysboro Church	15.03
Nokomis Church, J. W. Smith	1.00
Normal Church	8.62
Northern Baptist Convention	150.00
Oak Park, First Church	26.43
*Osceola Church	51.00
Osceola Ch., Mrs. B. E. Allen (2)	5.00
Pekin Church	7.70
Plano Church	4.37
Pleasant Plains Church	2.56
Rockford, State Street Church	22.00
Rock Island Asso. Mis. Com.	49.99
*Rozetta Church	58.00
*South Wilmington Church.....	5.00
*Springfield, South Seventh St. Ch.	50.00
Tonica Parsonage Rent	30.00
Toulon Church	25.57
Toulon Sunday School	4.49
*Tremont Church	16.00
Wheaton Church	14.82
Woodstock Church	4.26

Total\$1964.78

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. W. C. Monroe has offered his resignation at East Moline to take effect not later than October 1st. Brother Monroe, on account of sickness and death in his home, has at times been greatly hindered in his work, and yet he has been faithful and very industrious during his two and a half years' pastorate on that field.

Our missionary pastor, Rev. V. Colbert with the assistance of Rev. W. R. Johnson of White Hall, held a week's meeting at Madison and North Venice following the union tabernacle meetings in Granite City. Seventeen were added to the churches as a result of the meeting.

Rev. W. R. Johnson has been spending some time in Southern Illinois. He preached two Sundays for the Ashley people and also for two other churches near Ashley. There is hope that a combination can be made of three churches, with Ashley as the center, which would make a good pastorate. Brother Johnson also supplied one of the Baptist churches in Johnston City on Wednesday night, July 28th. This was formerly the Free Baptist Church and has a strong body of about 300 members.

A HISTORICAL INCIDENT

The following incident was related to me by Miss Nannie Browning of Benton, as she had heard her father relate it:

During the financially hard times of 1857-8, Shurtleff College was almost stranded for lack of funds. It seemed impossible to secure money for any purpose. Rev. John M. Peck attempted to raise a little money to tide it over. One hundred dollars in those years would go farther than \$1000

now. He went horseback to Benton, a distance of ninety miles, to solicit assistance from Levi Browning. Mr. Browning told him he could not help him, as he did not have the money and could not get it. He had plenty of grain and stock, but could scarcely sell anything for cash. He saw some of the brethren in Benton, but in vain, no money was to be had. Dr. Peck mounted his horse and rode away. In a short time Mr. Browning rode down the same road to visit one of his farms. When some distance from the town he saw Dr. Peck's horse hitched in the bushes beside the road. He stopped and listened and he heard a voice of someone farther out in the woods. He tied his horse and drew near to the place from whence the voice came. He soon recognized the voice of Peck praying. He was saying, "Oh Lord, I have done my best, I can do no more. I know not where to look for help. Lord if thou dost not send help now the school must close." That ended the prayer, but the great preacher continued to weep. Mr. Browning approached him and said, "Brother Peck, I did not think I could do anything, but if you feel that way about it, I will somehow get \$50 for you, and if you will come back with me I will try to get another man to do the same." They returned to the village and Mr. Browning related the incident to another man, who gave \$50. Mr. Peck said, "That settles it; the school is saved. This \$100 will tide us over the crisis."

ALIEN IMMERSION

The Editor of the Illinois Baptist in its issue of July 10th writes four columns on "Four Essentials to Scriptural Baptism," but it was simply the

old subject of Alien Immersion that has been a live question in portions of the South since the days of J. R. Graves and the Tennessee Baptist. The editor says there are four essentials to scriptural baptism. As to the first three all well informed Baptists will agree with him without argument, although the second and third propositions could easily have been combined into one statement, making two elements entering into a scriptural baptism, viz: a proper person, i. e., a regenerated person, and the proper form reverently administered, i. e., an immersion in water in the name of the Trinity. But Dr. Throgmorton argues that there must be the proper administrator, i. e. the administrator in his view of the case must himself have been a scripturally baptized person, that is, a regenerated man, immersed in the name of the Trinity by another person qualified to administer it, and so on clear back to the Apostles. Now, if his theory is true upon this fourth proposition there are more than 1000 chances to one that he himself has never been scripturally baptized. He says, "but there must be someone to administer the ordinance. Does it make any difference who that someone is? If not, the devil could administer scriptural baptism?" Yes, it does make a difference who administers the ordinance, but if the administrator is not right in all respects, does that invalidate the ordinance for the one who receives it? He says, "If it makes no difference, the devil might administer the ordinance." Well, the only way Satan could administer it would be through human agency, and how about an ordained Baptist preacher who may happen to have Satan in him? There

is a Baptist preacher now in the Joliet penitentiary, who will be likely to stay there for a long time to come. A Baptist preacher was electrocuted in Massachusetts not long since. How about people whom they baptized? If they were not regenerated men they had not themselves been scripturally baptized, but would that make null and void the baptisms they had administered? It is very probable that Judas Iscariot did some baptizing; did the fact that he turned out badly invalidate those baptisms? Again, he refers to the fact that Jesus went about forty miles to get the right person to baptize him. The editor has used this argument many times, but it seems to me he does not make a fair use of it. John was the forerunner of Jesus. So far as we know, no one was, at that time, preaching the doctrine of repentance and faith in Christ, and administering baptism except John. To whom else could he have gone? Again, his reference to the twelve disciples recorded in the 19th chapter of Acts as being rebaptized although they had already been immersed, is wholly misinterpreted and twisted so as to make it seem to justify his theory. The defect in the baptism of those twelve disciples was not the fourth requirement, i. e., that they had not been baptized by the proper administrator, but the defect was in the first requirement, viz: the proper subject for baptism; the defect was not in the administrator, but in themselves. When they were baptized the first time they had not "so much as heard that there be a Holy Ghost." It is not recorded who baptized them the second time, that did not make so much difference, but it is recorded that after they had been taught the doctrine of the Holy

Spirit they "were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."

The Bulletin always stands for good order among Baptists, and advocates loyalty to our Baptist doctrines, but it will not for one moment stand for theories that cannot be sustained by history, reason, nor any fair interpretation of scripture, even if they are advocated by some of our good, but mistaken brethren.

CHURCHES

The following communication comes to us from the Fairfield Church: "We have a No. 1 opening here for some good man to open up a conservatory of music; also a No. 1 opening for a good violin teacher; also a No. 1 opening for a good photographer."

"The great revival continues without any abatement of interest in the Baptist Church at Minonk. Rev. J. C. Oranger has just closed three years' work on that field. During that time 156 have united with the church, 98 of them by baptism; 25 were married men."

The Bourbon Church of which Rev. J. M. Lively of Tuscola, is pastor, is now improving and remodeling its building at a cost of \$4,000. When completed it will be one of the best village and country churches in that part of the state.

Rev. C. P. Greenfield became pastor of the South Seventh Street Church in Springfield the first of last November. Since that time he has received sixty new members into the church. The congregations fill the house on Sunday evenings and the Sunday School has doubled in attendance. The church raised its full apportionment for State Convention work for the first time in several years.

Rev. W. F. Thompson has removed from Petersburg to the parsonage in Farmersville and seems to be much pleased with his work among the Farmersville and Zenobia people. These two churches combined make a fine pastorate. Brother Thompson was given a reception on July 7th, at which about seventy people were present.

Rev. L. W. Hostetter recently closed the first year of his work with the Cordova church. During the year there were thirty additions to the church, twenty-seven by baptism. The Sunday school attendance is large, frequently more than 200 present. The pastor has thirty-four young men in his Sunday school class. The church began the second year by adding \$150 to the pastor's salary. Brother Hostetter hopes to soon secure a "Ford" as an assistant in pastoral work.

The Pulpit Committee of a Baptist church in a neighboring state, in making inquiry concerning a candidate, says, "The Baptist Church here has a fine field, mostly miners. It is a good church, but it cannot at this time risk any amateurish, inefficient or bizarre experiments in pastoral service."

The Murphysboro Church is still making rapid progress. They have an average of about 330 in the Sunday School. 175 members have been added to the church since the association met last fall. The church is making its apportionment for missions and sends in 70 subscribers for the Bulletin. There is an attendance of about 100 in the prayer meetings.

The First Church in Quincy of which Rev. Oliver Reed is pastor, is keeping up its services through the summer and they are well attended. On Sunday night, August 1st, there

were several baptisms. Since Brother Reed took charge of this work eleven months ago, there have been 168 additions.

The First Church in Benton is still pastorless, but they are keeping up their services with supplies and are hopeful of locating a pastor soon. The church seems thoroughly united and is hopeful for the future. A new and modern meeting house is very much needed in order to take care of the large Sunday school and large congregations.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Earl A. Riney, who began work at Aledo and vicinity March 1st, has accepted a call to become pastor of a church in St. Joseph, Mo. We are sorry to have Brother Riney leave this work so soon, as he and his wife were highly appreciated on the entire field.

Rev. C. A. Neyman of Plano, has accepted a call to the Eastern Avenue Church of Joliet, and will begin his pastorate September 1st. Brother Neyman is a young man who has just completed his studies at the University of Chicago. He is a son of Rev. J. W. Neyman of Villisca, Iowa.

Rev. G. W. Stoddard closed a three years' pastorate of the First Church in Streator July 18th. His work during those three years was very greatly appreciated by the church and the citizens of Streator. Large space was given by the Streator papers to the closing up of his work, and in words of appreciation of his stay in that city.

Rev. Chas. A. Rice has resigned the pastorate of the Pittsfield Church to take effect the middle of September. Pittsfield is a county seat town and while the Baptist church has never been

strong there, yet they have almost always sustained preaching for full time. We hope that the church will not long continue pastorless.

Rev. R. E. Carney has resigned the pastorate of the Littleton Church, where he began work only about one year ago. We do not know what Brother Carney's plans are for the future. This leaves an important field pastorless.

Rev. C. S. McKinney, who was pastor at Elvaston and Basco churches, for about three years, and who one year ago became pastor of Colchester and Cedar Creek, has been called to a large church in Missouri, and will close his work in Illinois the first of August. Brother McKinney has done good work in Illinois, is highly respected by the people where he has been pastor, and we regret to have him leave the state.

The Timewell Church in the Quincy Association, after having been pastorless for almost one year has secured as its pastor Rev. Harvey Watson. He began work July 11.

Rev. J. F. Snodgrass, who graduated at Shurtleff College last summer and located at Alpha, a little more than one year ago, closed his work August 1. He did very satisfactory work and was greatly appreciated by the people, but it has been his desire for some time to make teaching his work and closes the pastorate to take up that occupation.

The Deer Park Church has located as pastor Rev. A. L. Lockert, who quite a number of years ago served that church as pastor. He has been out of the state for a number of years,

and we are glad to see him among us again.

"Rev. W. A. Dalton has accepted a call to the Deer Creek Baptist Church. Mr. Dalton is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago and of Des Moines College, Iowa, from which institution he received his B. A. degree. He was pastor of the First Church of Hastings, Minn., for nearly four years, and when invited to preach at Deer Creek, was preaching at the Calvary Baptist Church at Bridgeport, Conn., which pulpit he supplied while attending Yale Divinity School."

Rev. C. L. Flanders, who has been pastor-at-large in the Bloomfield Association for nearly two years has been called to the pastorate of the Rochelle Church. He has accepted the call and will begin work there at once.

The former Free Baptist Church of Johnston City, has called as its pastor, Rev. A. E. Cox, who was for twelve years pastor in Poland, N. Y. This church is very hopeful for a successful work under the leadership of its new pastor. It is a good church with a membership of about 300.

Rev. Benjamin Otto, D.D., after several years' service as pastor of the First Church in Peoria, closed his work to accept a call to the Morgan Park Church. While we regret to have Brother Otto leave Peoria, we are glad he remains in Illinois. Morgan Park will give him a great opportunity for service.

THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH CAMPAIGN CLOSED

Rev. Walter J. Sparks began the campaign to raise \$30,000 to erect a church building including living rooms for the pastor of the University church, on our lot in Champaign, November 10th, 1914, and closed his work July 31st 1915, except to make a trip or two in August to see parties who were out of the state when he called. He has spent eight months and twenty days in this work in one of the hardest financial years in the history of the country. Brother Sparks has wrought well, working continuously every day and much of the night. In all this campaign I have heard of but very few persons who took any offense at his methods of solicitation, and they were persons who did not give anything. Everyone who gave the larger sums appreciated him very much. In giving the report of this work we shall not publish the names of the donors, nor the church to which they belong. In many cases to publish the name of the church would be equivalent to giving the name of the donor. We will publish the amounts pledged by Associations. While we have been very successful in raising this money, many would be astonished to know what a small proportion came from the large churches, and how much came from individuals in the small churches; how little came from the large cities, and how much came from the country and villages. Let no one think the churches have been drained to raise this money, for in the entire state there have been just 189 persons who contributed anything to this fund. It was soon discovered after Brother Sparks undertook the work that we could not raise

very much cash this year. So he took pledges running from three to five years. While every one of these pledges is good and given in the form of a note, yet it was necessary to provide money to pay interest on borrowed money until the notes became payable; so we aimed to reach enough beyond \$30,000 to provide expense and interest on deferred payments. While we did not start out to raise money for endowment, there were parties so much interested in the work that after giving a goodly sum for the building, they expressed a desire to make provision for endowment to be paid out of their estates. This, of course, was accepted and endowment notes were signed up. In the following report the endowment pledges are included with the building pledges.

	Amount Subscribed
Alton Association	\$ 1985.00
Aurora Association	25.00
Bloomington Association	9960.00
Bloomfield Association	7535.00
Chicago Association	1067.07
Dixon Association	4975.00
Gilman Association	1635.00
Morgan-Scott Co. Asso.....	130.00
Ottawa Association	1760.00
Quincy Association	1375.00
Peoria Association	3905.00
Rock River Association	15.00
Rock Isl'd Asso. (1 person)	1000.00
Salem Association	6005.00
Springfield Association	1600.00
Young Peoples' Unions, col.	128.30
Total	\$43,100.37

The securing of these subscriptions brought out some facts that were a surprise to us:

1. That we were able to raise this money from a comparatively few people without making a canvass of all the people of the churches.

2. That but very little of this money came from the large cities and outside of Champaign and Urbana and two or three others, but very little of it came from towns large enough to be called cities.

3. That with but one or two exceptions, but very little of it came from the large churches. If we were to report this by churches it would be humiliating for some of the large and wealthy churches.

When the canvass shall be made to equip and endow Shurtleff College we hope the 155,581 Baptists in Illinois who did not contribute to this fund will be given an opportunity.

NORTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Dr. R. F. Stokes of Texas has been obtained as Field Secretary of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and also Secretary of Evangelism. Brother Stokes has done a most valuable work in the Southland, especially for the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Stokes is also well known because of her remarkable campaign amongst the women and children of Texas, resulting in the securing of a Woman's Training School building connected with the Southwestern Seminary. In two years Mrs. Stokes was able to secure \$100,000 from the women and children of Texas. Dr. Stokes will make his headquarters in Chicago, beginning his work on August 1st. The Northern Baptist Theological Seminary will open September 21st.

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Maywood, Illinois

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Editor and Field Secretary
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The health of the twenty-eight residents of the Home has been unusually good this summer.

Mrs. Reynolds, who had a stroke of paralysis some weeks ago, continues feeble, and Mrs. Malhorn, who has been away on a visit, returns to us not very strong. Mrs. Emma Parmely from Wisconsin, and Mrs. Jarvis of Chicago are recent members of the Home.

The First thousand dollars towards meeting the conditional pledge of \$5,000, for the Endowment of the Home, has been paid, and the last thousand is provided for. Who is going to fit in between? Let us hear how much you or your church are going to stand back of in order to meet this splendid offer which means so much to the Home.

The Woman's Board of Managers takes no vacation. They meet regularly every month of the year. A splendid, enthusiastic, earnest body of women, who appreciate not only what the aged ones in our denomination have done for all good work, but also our rightful obligation to them. During the summer months our current expense fund runs low and they are busy working out plans to meet the \$450 per month necessary for the maintenance of the Home. Please remember when canning fruit this year to have the ladies of your church each set aside a few for the Old People's Home, and make something now for the Bazaar which is to be held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, November 19th, for the benefit of the Home.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.

Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

The summer has been a busy one for the matron and care-takers. The number of children taken out for vacations has made no difference in the number at the home, as new ones filled their places. Never has the home been so crowded in the summer, and even the hospital room had to be used for a sleeping room. The need of the home is a separate building for a nursery and detention hospital. The same building could be used for both, and the cost need not exceed three thousand dollars. This would be a beautiful monument to the memory of some beloved one.

Churches are now preparing reports for associational tables. It is interesting to note how few are doing anything toward child saving work. Last year a large proportion of the churches in the territory of the Central Baptist Children's Home gave nothing to our work. As things are now, it looks as though as large a percentage is going to fail to do for us this year, unless the pastors and leading workers in the churches do some hurry-up work.

The fact we are not on the budget is a greater reason why a special effort should be made to help the work.

Remember the Home. Money is in keeping always, and donations appreciated.

SHURTLEFF COLLEGE

Alton, Ill.

GEORGE M. POTTER,

President and Editor

The campaign for students for the coming year is being vigorously pushed. Rev. A. E. Browning, pastor at Shelbyville, Illinois, is out in the field for students this summer. He has had considerable experience in this work and good results are already being obtained by his active canvass.

President Potter returned from his vacation on July 26, and will be actively engaged in the work for the rest of the summer. By speeches before numerous associations, talking in pulpits, and addresses before different gatherings, he is seeking to arouse a sentiment in the state for the college. Already many letters are being received from prospective students and the outlook is most hopeful for a large enrollment.

The campaign for \$300,000 new funds began most auspiciously at Commencement. The trustees voted to raise among themselves and their immediate friends, \$50,000, and started the movement by raising \$18,500 at Commencement. Senator F. W. Parker of Chicago, Judge Otis Humphrey of Springfield, Mr. J. J. Pitts of Bloomington, Mr. A. A. Curry of Pisgah, and Mr. D. A. Wyckoff of Alton, are the special committee to make plans and devise ways and means to carry through the work. Everyone is enthusiastic and believes that the task can be done. A number of friends over the state have already signified their intention of giving.

Foreign and Home Mission Societies

REV. J. Y. AITCHISON, D.D., Joint District Secretary

19 South LaSalle St., Chicago

J. Y. Aitchison, Editor

NATIONAL MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN 1915-1916

The readers of the "Bulletin" will be interested to note that under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement a series of about one hundred conventions will be held in that number of our leading cities in the interest of world-wide missions during the coming season.

The first of these conventions will be held in Chicago October 14th to 17th, and it is confidently expected that not less than 5,000 delegates will be enrolled at the Chicago convention. A corresponding number of delegates in proportion to the size of the cities is expected for the other conventions.

The main objectives of this campaign are as follows:

To consider new world conditions and America's enlarged responsibility.

To study the missionary progress of recent years.

To project plans looking toward the accomplishment of our whole missionary duty.

To emphasize the adequacy of the Gospel to meet modern social conditions.

To increase the spiritual power and efficiency of the local church.

To secure the general use of the best methods of missionary education and finance.

To inspire laymen to take their part in the extension of the Kingdom of Christ.

"THREE PRINCIPLES OF GIVING"

"The members of a negro church in Jamaica resolved to give money for the support of a native evangelist, who would preach the gospel to their yet unsaved brethren. They elected a treasurer (so says Frauen Mission Blatt), and appointed a day for receiving the money. When all were present the treasurer, an aged man, proposed three principles which were unanimously accepted:

All will give something.

Each will give as much as he or she is able.

Each will give cheerfully.

After several had brought forward their gifts, an old negro, who was known to be rich, stepped up and laid \$2.00 on the table. The treasurer returned it and said, "Dis gif' may be according to de furst princ'ple, but brudder, it is not accordin' to de sec-ond." The negro took back his money, and returned to his seat. After a moment he returned and threw down \$20 on the table, as he remarked sullenly, "Hyar, maybe dat is enough." Quietly the old treasurer returned his money, and replied: "Budder, dis may be accordin to de first and second princ'ples, but it am not accordin' to de third."

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

For more than a year the plea has now less than six months old, and come to the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society for a worker in Central America, but the Society could not take any of the workers off of the field as they were all needed. they have ninety-three names on their roll. To me it seems the most hopeful sign I have seen in the Alton Association in many a day.

This year two young women received appointments to Central America, and they will start at work in the fall. Thus a new field has been added to our Society.

Among others who graduated this year, two will go to Porto Rico, and two to Cuba. Fourteen in all received appointments to various parts of the United States. Illinois has twelve of the workers of this society, working among the Germans, Scandinavians, Bohemians and the mixed Slavic races. Others are doing city missionary work and field work, and come in contact with people of many nationalities. Do you know the names of these workers? You will find a letter from each one of them in "From Ocean to Ocean," this year's (1915) edition. It also has programs ready for use in meetings. There are letters from over three hundred workers on the field.

The following item sent by Mrs. L. B. Stifler, president of the Alton Association, is of the kind we like to receive. We want to know what is being done in our state.

A short time since, the young women of the three Baptist churches in Alton formed themselves into a Farther Lights Society. Their organization is

Will some one send us items similar to the above, which are brought out at the meetings of the Associations, give us the facts in a few words.

The following in regard to three Illinois girls will be of interest. Miss Olivia Johnson is the writer. She and Miss Lagergren have been in the Philippines but a short time. After the conference, Miss Johnson and I spent a few days among the barrios in the Janivay district. Miss Johnson was well known among the people and her visit was one of joy and reaping to them. She served as advisor, doctor, nurse, preacher, as the occasion might demand. To me this may be applied. "One soweth and another reapeth." I received the kindness of these native Christians because of work done in years gone by. It is true that our mission fields demand strength, but more so do they demand love and sympathy. Miss Lagergren has not forgotten to bring these qualities with her. In her busy hours of teaching, music, kindergarten, translation of material in her line of work, the study of the language and all, she is the loving home maker of this place. She is more than suitable and capable to handle the work for which she came out.

MISSIONARY DEBTS

Anyone who has attended the Northern Baptist Convention within recent years has been impressed with the unfavorable comparison which many speakers have made between the Baptists and other denominations. It seems to me that some of our brethren have a mania for hunting up facts and figures that will put the Baptists in an unfavorable position when compared with others. We were told what the Presbyterians and Methodists and Disciples and others were doing, and how little the Baptists were doing in comparison. When the Convention in Los Angeles was being urged to vote \$100,000 for Foreign Missions, more than the Foreign Missionary Committee felt they could safely appropriate without incurring a debt we were told over and over again that the Presbyterians had pushed ahead in foreign mission work, notwithstanding a debt, but we were not told that in doing it the Presbyterians had cut down 25 per cent on their Home Mission work, and were involved nearly a quarter of a million dollars indebtedness for their home work. But little was said of the large chapel car and gospel boat work in comparison with others, for the Baptists far outstrip any other denomination in this line of work, and such comparison would be favorable to the Baptists and some of our brethren seem to be loath to say anything that will encourage the Baptists. I have made some effort to find out the indebtedness of the missionary societies of some of the leading denominations. It is as follows:

German Evangelical Synod—	
Foreign Mission Debt.....	\$ 5857.50
Home Mission Debt	8800.00
Total	\$14,657.50

Methodist Episcopal Church	
Foreign Mission Debt.....	\$88,386.06
Home Mission Debt (?)	
United Brethren Church—	
Foreign Mission Debt	\$54,790.79
Home Mission Debt	14,730.00
Total	\$69,520.79
Disciples Church—	
Foreign Mission Debt	\$50,000.00
Home Mission Debt	44,000.00
Total	\$94,000.00
Presbyterian Church—	
Foreign Mission Debt	\$80,000.00
Home Mission Debt	217,799.00
Total	\$297,779.00
United Presbyterians—	
Foreign Mission Debt	\$48,197.37
Home Mission Debt (?)	
Baptist Church Debt—	
Foreign Mission Debt	\$.00
Home Mission Debt .....	.00
Woman's Foreign Mission Debt....	.00
Woman's Home Mission Debt .....	.00
Publication Society Debt .....	.00
State Convention Debt .....	.00
Total debt	\$.00

And yet the Baptists were doing such a large work that eighteen months ago the debt was nearly \$300,000, but it has all been paid.

ERRATA

In the July issue of the Bulletin the following notice appeared: "The church of Rantoul has called its pastor, Rev. W. E. Pool, to remain as pastor another year. The church has adopted the weekly giving plan." This is an error. It should have been Fairmount Church instead of Rantoul Church. Rev. E. C. Poole is pastor at Rantoul, and that church has had weekly giving and an every-member canvass for several years.

"The Mayor of Long Beach, Cal., has been aroused to indignation against the postal policy which permits liquor men to bombard respectable citizens with invitations to get drunk."

There is every indication that the experiment of nation-wide Prohibition is going to be tried. Opponents of the plan might as well face the facts and get ready for a drouth.—The Chicago Journal.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B.Y.P.U.



Director, W. B. Morris, Ashley

By the time this appears in the Bulletin I will have moved my family to Decatur, and will make our home there. The location is more nearly central and the railroad facilities are of the best, thus affording easy access to the state at large.

This fall promises to be a busy one as calls are coming in right along for work.

During July I traveled 2179 miles, visited twelve churches, held ten days of institutes, besides helping to arrange programs for several associations and attending to various other duties.

At Annawan I held the first service in the meeting house that has been held for a year.

Pastor Ellison is doing good work at Andalusia. Reynolds church is in a hopeful condition. I spent a profitable evening with these people. Pastor Wallace is serving the Virden church acceptably, notwithstanding some difficult conditions.

The Lincoln church is making good headway under the able leadership of Pastor Hilton. He enjoys the confidence of his people, which is shown by their hearty co-operation in all departments of the work. Pastor Aldrich is getting good hold of things in Clinton. He has been somewhat handicapped by ill health, but seems to have

fully recovered. Pastor Lyle is doing a progressive work at Fairbury and has great reason to be encouraged over the outlook. I spent part of one Sunday in Mattoon and enjoyed the hospitality of Prof. and Mrs. Utterback. He is one of the most efficient superintendents in the state. Pastor Rumsey has had a very serious illness, but is able to resume his regular duties. I spent several days in the home of Pastor-at-Large Flanders in Danville. He arranged appointments for me at several nearby churches. Hillery church, is a small struggling band of workers, and are doing what they can to maintain services. At Grape Creek we had a large attendance of young people. This is the work established through the agency of the chapel car several years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks will be long remembered by these people.

I spoke several times at the local Chautauqua in Bloomington. The attendance was good and the interest fine. State Evangelist W. R. Johnson, of White Hall visited several weeks in the southern part of the state with a view to locating pastors with churches now vacant. Several of these are former Free Baptist churches. His work is spoken of everywhere in the highest terms.

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ANNUITY BONDS



The Illinois Baptist State Convention has issued a number of annuity bonds and they have proven to be so satisfactory to the purchasers, that we wish to call special attention to this subject. Many elderly people have some money, the income of which they depend upon wholly or in part for a living. It is often a question with them how to invest it, so as to be safe and bring them a good income. Some of these people would like for their money to go for missions when they are done with it; but they are not sure that their will or bequest will be carried out, and they will be better satisfied if they can be their own executors and dispose of some of their property while they live.

Now the State Convention will accept any sum of money on the annuity plan. It will give a bond binding itself to pay the annuitant the following rates:

For persons under forty years of age, 4 per cent; between forty and fifty years of age, 5 per cent; between fifty and sixty years of age, 6 per cent; between sixty and seventy years, 7 per cent; between seventy and eighty years 8 per cent, and over eighty years of age, 9 per cent. These rates of interest will be paid semi-annually if desired. At the death of the annuitant the

money will be used for State Missions. If the party desires, it will be held as a permanent fund forever, the interest only to be used in missionary work. In this way the investment is absolutely safe; the interest always promptly paid, and the money sure to be used for missionary work after death.

A few years ago a woman placed a sum with the Convention for which she received a good rate of interest, paid promptly semi-annually. Recently she told me that she had made other investments, that she thought were good, but the business has defaulted in paying the interest, and she may lose the principal. She said "I wish I had put more of it into an annuity with the State Convention."

Some years ago a man and his wife took out \$6000 in annuities, receiving a good rate of interest while they both should live. After a few years he died. His widow told me that they had both been greatly pleased with the annuity and the income it gave them, and that no other part of their estate had been arranged so satisfactorily to themselves as these annuities. The superintendent would be glad to visit any parties who desire further information and who wish to talk upon the subject of annuity bonds. It certainly is a satisfaction for a person to know that he

has a sure income from his money at a larger rate of interest than he can get from a safe investment and to be absolutely sure that after he has been called home the interest on this money will be used in missionary work for perhaps hundreds of years to come.

In its report of the B. Y. P. U. Convention held in Oakland, California, "Service" mentions speakers who were especially helpful to the Young People, and one of the nine was Rev. Martin S. Bryant, pastor of the University Baptist Church in Illinois. Brother Bryant is winning a national reputation in his line of work.

Forty young peoples' organizations in the United States, as reported in Oakland, reached the standard of excellence. The largest number was from Illinois. Seven societies from Illinois reached the standard of excellence, six from California, three from Wisconsin, three from Minnesota, four from Pennsylvania, one from Nebraska, one from North Dakota, one from South Dakota, six from Iowa, one from Colorado, one from Kansas, one from Michigan, two from Missouri, one from New York and two from Ohio. Those from Illinois which reached the standard of excellence were Arcola, Mt. Vernon, Oglesby, Roodhouse, Chicago-Woodlawn, Normal and Princeton. Arcola, of which Rev. A. P. Renn is pastor, attained the highest standing of any union in America or Canada. We feel a little proud of Illinois as represented by our young people.

RE-DEDICATION

On August 15th, the Bethel Church in the Salem Association was re-dedicated. Rev. A. H. Ford had been pastor for one year. The church had

been remodeled and modernized, with a good basement at a cost, including donated labor, to the extent of about \$2800. It is now a splendid country meeting house. There was a small deficit of less than \$500, which was raised. The editor of the Bulletin preached morning and evening, and raised the deficit, and Rev. H. Weddington of Raritan, a former pastor, preached in the afternoon. Rev. J. E. Foley, also a former pastor was present, and took part in the services. We had three large congregations. I counted thirty-three automobiles present in the afternoon and more than forty horse vehicles. The church is now pastorless, and is anxious to call a man for half time.

RECOGNITION SERVICE

I went from the Rock Island Association to Warsaw on the Mississippi River to assist in recognizing a newly organized Baptist Church. Warsaw is an old river town of about 3,000 inhabitants. The first church ever organized in the town is reported to have been a Baptist church. The Salem Association met with that church in 1838. But there had been no Baptist church there for a generation or more until last spring when Rev. J. W. Megan, pastor at Bushnell, and chairman of the missionary committee of the Salem Association, responded to a request to visit some Baptist brethren in that city. He organized a church with eleven people. They seem to be earnest and intelligent Baptists, some of them in good circumstances. The recognition council was well attended, there being five ministers and quite a number of laymen and women there. The church was unanimously and heartily recognized as a Baptist church, and recommended to membership in the Salem Association.

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THIS is the last notice to the churches before the books close, just twenty days from this writing.

LET every church that is behind on its apportionment make a special effort to do something for the Convention before October 1st.

WE cannot hold our books open for delayed offerings to come in. The Convention meets October 18, and all matters must be settled up. The treasurer must have time to get his books balanced and examined by the auditors before the Convention meets.

THE key to almost every situation in the local church is in the hands of the pastor. So I appeal to the pastors to bring up the churches to the highest point possible on State Mission giving and to do it before or by October 1st.

IT IS very encouraging the way the people express their appreciation of the Bulletin. It is coming to be more and more one of our denominational forces in Illinois.

THE Convention will meet October 18-21 in Aurora. Every contributing Baptist Church in Illinois is entitled to representation, one delegate

for each church and one additional delegate for each 100 members or major fraction thereof.

MOREHOUSE College, a Baptist school for negroes in Atlanta, Georgia, is greatly in need of books for its library, and will greatly appreciate a donation of good books. We have many Baptist preachers in Illinois, especially among the older men who have many valuable books that they do not especially need and rarely ever use. These could be made of great value by donating them to this college. Address B. G. Brawley, Dean, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

ASSOCIATIONS

The Greene-Jersey County Association met with the White Hall Church August 25th. More than 150 delegates and visitors enrolled. Dinner and supper were served in the basement of the church. Rev. John A. Simpson, the pastor, and his people entertained the association splendidly. The churches reported 171 baptisms, seventy-two less than last year. Rev. Joseph Jenkins of Jerseyville, Rev. John A. Simpson of White Hall, Rev. Mr. Soares of Kane, were introduced as new pastors coming into the association. There was a good local attendance so that the house was crowded at the night sessions. All denominational interests were represented, and good music was rendered throughout the meetings. Rev. W. R. Johnson of White Hall was re-elected moderator, and T. E. Farmer of Roodhouse, clerk.

The Rock Island Association met with the Aledo Church August 31st. This is not a large association, but the attendance was large from the beginning. At night the house was crowd-

ed. The pastor at Aledo, Rev. Earl A. Riney, is closing up his work to accept a call from St. Joseph, Mo. The Rock Island Association has much mission territory within its boundary. The street cars run for about ten miles along the Mississippi River, connecting Milan, Rock Island, Moline, East Moline, Watertown and Silvis, and that entire territory, a distance of ten miles, is growing into one great city. We have six churches in those cities

and there is much mission work there to do yet. Other portions of the association need to be worked by the association and State Convention. The churches reported 145 baptisms, sixty-four more than last year. The association re-elected Rev. J. M. Osborne of Watertown, Moderator, and Rev. W. C. Monroe of East Moline, clerk. Good time was given for consideration of local interests. The larger interests were also given place on the program.

PROGRAM

Of the Illinois Baptist State Convention, to Meet in Aurora October 18-21, 1915.—

This Program is Not Yet Completed, but is Given so far as Complete, and the Few Corrections or the Names of Additional Speakers will be Added Later

Monday, October 18

Pastoral Union

- 7:30 Prayer Service. Conducted by Rev. G. W. Chessman, Ottawa.
- 7:55 Appointment of Nominating Committees on Program and Obituaries.
- 8:00 Annual Sermon—Rev. M. H. Day, Rockford.
Collection for printing minutes.
Address—Rev. L. C. Trent, of Kewanee.
Adjournment.

Tuesday Morning, October 19

Pastoral Union—(Continued)

- 9:00 Devotional—Rev. C. E. Boyer, Sterling.
- 9:20 Topic—Enrichment of Public Worship.
Music—Rev. C. C. Smith, of Roodhouse.
Prayer Service—Rev. C. C. Marshall, Arthur.
Scripture Reading—Rev. R. H. Claxon, Taylorville.

(Time of addresses twenty minutes)

- 10:20 Discussion of topics. (speeches limited to five minutes.)

- 10:50 Business.
- 11:00 Introduction of New Pastors, by Supt. E. P. Brand, Normal.
- 11:15 Obituary Report—Rev. L. A. Abbott, D.D., Alton.
- 11:30 Memorial Address, Rev. H. A. Harnly, Auburn.
- 11:55 Prayer Service.
- 12:00 Adjournment.

ILLINOIS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Tuesday Afternoon

- 1:50 Devotional. The devotional meetings in the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be conducted in the lecture room by Dr. W. P. Behan, President of the Training School, Chicago.
- 2:20 Address—Church Edifice Work Rev. D. D. Proper, D.D., Omaha, Nebraska.
- 2:40 Report of Committee on Non-Resident Members: Rev. G. M. Shott, D.D., Chairman, Urbana.
Address—Rev. J. W. Merrill, Chicago.
- 3:05 Report of Committee on Church

Federation. Rev. J. L. Jackson, D.D., Chairman, Bloomington.

3:20 Report of Apportionment Committee, Rev. M. W. Twing, D.D., Chairman, Alton.

3:35 Report of Committee on Evangelism, Rev. John M. Dean, Chairman, Chicago.

4:00 Report of Committee on State of Religion in the Churches, Rev. J. L. Jackson, D.D., Chairman, Bloomington.

4:20 Report of Committee on Summer Assembly, Rev. Benjamin Otto, D.D., Chairman, Morgan Park.

5:20 Adjournment.

Tuesday Night

7:10 Prayer Service, Dr. W.P.Behan

7:40 Special Music.

7:50 Words of Welcome by Pastor, Dr. Marsh, and response by President Brimson.

8:00 Annual Sermon, Rev. J. L. Meads, Benton.

Annual Convention collection for minutes.

Address—A Message on State Convention Work, from Minnesota, by Rev. R. E. Pope, D.D., Minneapolis, Minn.

Wednesday Morning October 20

9:00 Devotional Service, led by Rev. R. M. Scott, Hoopeston.

9:20 Report of Nominating Committee on Members of the Board and Standing Committees.

9:30 Report of Executive Board, Superintendent E. P. Brand, Normal.

Introduction of Convention Missionaries.

11:00 Discussion of Report and Convention Work; Discussion led by President W. G. Brimson,

15 minutes.

Discussion from the floor; Speeches limited to five minutes each.

12:10 Adjournment.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30 Devotional, by Dr. Behan.
Missionary Session.

2:00 Report of Committee on Affiliated Societies of the Northern Baptist Convention. Rev. J. B. Thomas, D.D., Chairman, Chicago.

2:20 Address, Woman's Home Missions, Miss Belle Crawford, former missionary to the Indians.

2:50 Women's Foreign Missions, Miss Julia Parriott, returned missionary from China..

3:20 "The Five Year Program," led by Dr. Clifton Gray, editor of the Standard; Rev. Chas. A. Brooks, D.D., and Rev. F. W. Tomlinson, D.D., both of New York, will be expected to speak each twenty minutes in this discussion. Other speakers limited to five minutes.

5:20 Adjournment.

Wednesday Night

7:00 Prayer Service, Dr. Behan.

7:30 Song Service by Choir and Quartet.

7:50 Three Down Town Problems in Chicago, as They are Being Worked Out

(a) At LaSalle ave., Rev. J.B. Rodgers.

(b) At Western ave., Rev. A. C. Drummond.

(c) At Aiken Institute, Miss Mary A. Hyndman.

(Addresses 15 minutes each).

8:35 Song by Choir or Quartet.

8:40 Northern Baptist Convention and its Affiliated Societies, Rev. Charles A. Brooks, D.D., New York City.

Thursday Morning, October 22

9:00 Devotional, Rev. Cary S. Osborn, Lexington.
 9:20 Treasurer's Report, L. K. Evans, treasurer, El Paso.
 Auditors' Report, A. W. Skinner, chairman, Hudson.
 9:40 Report of Charitable Institutions, Rev. D. H. McGillivray, chairman; Maywood.
 10:40 Report of Committee on Education.
 11:20 Address Hon. Francis Parker, Chicago.
 Discussion.
 11:40 Election of Officers.

Thursday Afternoon

1:45—Devotional, Dr. W. P. Behan, leader.
 2:15 B. Y. P. U. Report, Secretary Glenn Shuler, Ottawa.
 2:25 President's Address, A. D. Henderson, Chicago.
 2:40 Business Session.
 3:00 Address, Rev. Floyd H. Adams Hammond, Ind.
 3:30 Sunday School Report, Rev. W. B. Morris.
 3:45 "A Visitor From Mars," Miss Meme Brockway, Philadelphia
 4:30 Social Service—Address
 5:00 Adjournment.

General Banquet

5:30 General Topic for Banquet—"The Five Year Program."
 Dean W. P. McKee, Toastmaster, Mt. Carroll.
 1. Evangelism, or 1,000,000 Converts—Rev. Percy W. Stephens, Jacksonville.
 2. Recruits for Missions at Home and Abroad: 1300 New Missionaries.

3. \$2,000,000 for Ministers and Missionaries' Benefit Fund—Rev. F. W. Tomlinson, New York City.
 4. \$6,000,000 for Education at Home and Abroad.
 5. \$6,000,000 Annually for Missions at Home and Abroad.
 Each speaker confined to 10 minutes.

Thursday Night

7:15 Devotional Service, Dr. Behan.
 7:45 Special Music.
 8:00 Address to the Young People of the State, John Ruthven, Morgan Park.
 8:20 Temperance Report and Address, Rev. M. P. Boynton, D.D., Chicago.
 Special Temperance Music by Preachers' Quartet.

THE SUMMER ASSEMBLY

The Baptist Assembly was held at Quiver Lake near Havana, August 3-10. A committee was appointed by the Board of the State Convention last October to investigate the matter. It was almost spring before a definite decision could be reached with regard to the undertaking this summer. The short time for preparation and advertisement with no financial backing, made it very difficult for this season, and the continuous rainy summer was also very much against the attendance and yet it was the general impression that we had quite a successful assembly from almost every standpoint.

Something more than 200, possibly 225 persons, purchased season tickets and were located on the grounds either in cottages or at the hotel or in tents. There were more than 400 single admissions on Sunday, besides children. Everybody seemed to enjoy the Assembly. The bathing and boating and fishing were fine. The shady grove

and sandy grounds were good for such a gathering.

The study classes were well attended. Rev. Martin S. Bryant's mission study class received great benefit from the studies. Classes in efficient Sunday school work were conducted by Rev. W. B. Morris and other Sunday school leaders. Owen Scott did fine work along Sunday school lines. President Behan of the Training School, and Dr. Stratton of Virginia, gave a number of helpful addresses. Pastors T. H. Marsh, G. M. Shott, J. M. Lively, J. L. Meads, and A. H. Harnly, rendered efficient service. President Potter's presence and splendid address were helpful to the young people. The Baptist Preachers' Quartet was present during the eight days and rendered excellent music. Drs. S. H. Bowyer, Benjamin Otto, and Mr. Charles Cain rendered faithful service as members of the committee. Rev. J. G. Little, pastor at Havana, and member of the committee, spent much time and labor to make the assembly a success. Rev. A. C. Hodgson, who was employed to do detail work for three or four months before the Assembly met, and as platform manager, did most faithful service and much of the success of the Assembly was the result of his work.

On Sunday the Editor of the Bulletin took an expression from the audience with regard to this and future assemblies. The audience voted un-animously and heartily that it was pleased with this assembly and expressed a desire for it to be continued. Pledges were taken and a very encouraging sum was subscribed toward paying the expenses of an assembly next year. A full report will be made to the Convention in October, and we hope steps will be taken toward estab-

lishing a permanent summer assembly for the Baptists of the state. Eight of our State Convention missionaries, six of them with their families, attended the Assembly.

MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENTS

When the budget plan was adopted by the Northern Baptist Convention and apportionments made to churches, it was understood that the churches were to pass upon it and accept the amount apportioned, or increase it, or reduce it, and report to the apportionment committee; and whatever the church voted to try to raise would be accepted as its apportionment; but experience proved that method to be so entirely unfair and unreasonable that the Illinois Apportionment Committee decided to make a change this year. Experience taught that for a state committee to make an apportionment and then for the churches to change it, and make their own apportionment, was really no apportionment at all. For example: there are two churches of about equal membership, and so far as the committee can learn, of equal wealth: one church reports as large home expenses as the other. These two churches are, we may say, apportioned \$100 each for Foreign Missions. One of them accepts and makes an effort to raise it. The other votes to try to raise only \$50. Is it fair to regard and report each of these churches as having raised its apportionment? It is the most unfair and unreasonable plan possible.

The apportionments are not now made arbitrarily, but scientifically; each church falls into a certain class or grade according to its contributions to missions last year. Then its membership and home expenses—as reported last

year—are taken, in part, as a basis of its apportionment. Now the amount sent out by the Apportionment Committee must stand as its apportionment. The church is at liberty to raise all of it or half of it, or none of it. There is no coercion in Baptist churches; but a church has no right to claim the credit of having raised its budget unless it raises the apportionment sent out by the Committee. If a church does not raise its apportionment, it will fall into a lower class and next year its apportionment will be lower, until it gets into the lowest class; it cannot go lower than that. The whole purpose of the apportionment plan is to get some reasonable proportion among the churches in missionary giving, and to suggest to the churches and pastors some reasonable ideal toward which they should aim. It has worked reasonably well in Illinois, and has increased the money raised for missions, and has been generally satisfactory. Many churches have not reached their apportionments but it has been a very helpful plan in missionary work.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING AUGUST

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Aledo Church	\$ 13.00
Aurora, Claim st., Church	12.00
*Aurora, Marion ave., Church	28.00
Bloomington Church	50.00
Cambridge Church	46.00
Chicago, Englewood Church	42.05
Chicago, Messiah Church	6.47
Chicago, Pilgrim Temple Church	15.00
Chicago, Ravenswood	4.00
Collected on Mission Fields.....	31.57
*Cordova Church	9.02
*Delavan Church	25.00
Downers Grove Church	10.00
El Paso Church	36.00
Evanston Church	16.67
*Gifford Church	20.00

*Girard Church	60.00
Hinckley Church	4.59
Jerseyville Church	28.28
*LaSalle Church	22.00
Macomb Church	25.00
Morgan Park Church	29.34
Mt. Pleasant Church (Macoupin Co. Assn).	8.50
McClure, Sarah J., Pratt, Kansas ..	1.00
*New Berlin Church	10.50
*North Venice Church	10.00
*Oak Park, Lombard ave., Church ..	10.00
Oreana Church	20.00
Orion Church	25.00
*Princeton Church	60.00
*Providence Church	8.00
*Rockford, State st. Church	7.00
*Rock Island, First church	58.00
Rock Island Association Mis. Com. ..	49.99
*Roseville Church	20.00
*St. Anne Church	11.00
Springfield, Elliott ave. Church	30.00
Toulon Church	30.00
Urbana, Cunningham ave., Church ..	3.50
Villa Grove Church	15.00
Virginia Church, Mrs. Sue G. Bil- lingsley	2.00
Waukegan Church	9.00
Winchester Church	6.00
Yorkville Church	20.00

Total	\$948.03
Amount received toward building University Church building and not yet reported.....	\$4,172.84
Total	\$5,120.87

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. J. D. Crumley, who had been pastor at Deer Creek for nine years, has closed his work and located in Normal where he has purchased a home. He will be open for supply work either for a single Sunday or for a longer period, if any church within reasonable distance of Normal needs such service, it will do well to communicate with him.

The Dixon Church has extended a unanimous and hearty call to Rev. G. W. Stoddard of Streator, as pastor, which call has been accepted, and Brother Stoddard has located on the field.

Rev. R. W. Babcock, who has been the successful pastor at Downers Grove for several years, has accepted a call

to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Moline.

The First church of Rockford on the last Sunday in August, called Rev. G. A. Sheets of Kankakee to the pastorate of that church. We have not yet learned whether Brother Sheets will accept the call.

Rev. C. E. Boyer, for several years pastor of the Millard Avenue Church of Chicago, has accepted a call to the Sterling Church. This, it seems to us, is a wise movement, and we shall expect a successful pastorate in that beautiful little city.

Rev. C. L. Edwards has closed his work with the Providence Church in the Rock Island Association to accept a call from the Oquawka Church.

The Pekin Church has located as pastor Rev. Robt. Ball of Philipsburg, Kan. Extensive repairs are being made upon the church.

Rev. James A. Ishmael has closed his pastorate at Pierson to accept a call to the Oreana Church.

The Galesburg Church has called as its pastor Rev. W. I. Fowle of Grand Island, Neb.

The Decatur Church has extended a unanimous and hearty call to Rev. T. Harley Marsh, D.D., of Aurora to become its pastor. We have not learned whether he will accept the call or not.

ERRATA

In the August issue we stated that Rev. Harvey Watson had been called to the pastorate of the Timewell Church: it should have been Rev. Harvey Waters.

In the August number it was stated that Rev. R. E. Carney had resigned the pastorate of the Littleton Church. We are glad to learn that we had been

misinformed, and that Brother Carney has not resigned that charge.

In the August number we failed to place a star for the Murphysboro Church, in the financial statement; that church made its apportionment for State Missions.

CHURCHES

The LaSalle avenue Church of Chicago, of which Rev. J. B. Rogers is pastor, is raising its apportionment this year for all missionary societies, and there seems to be much new courage and hope in that downtown field.

Some of the Moody Bible students recently visited Chatsworth in their gospel automobile. They held services in the streets and at the Baptist church. The Chatsworth Church is making splendid progress under the pastoral care of Rev. Geo. Woodley. The church will make its full apportionment for state missions.

The Hoopston Church, of which Rev. R. M. Scott is pastor, has exceeded its apportionment for state missions almost 50 per cent, and will send in another installment before the books close.

The Litchfield Church, of which Rev. H. R. Otto is pastor, sent in a list of fifty-one subscribers for the Bulletin.

The Murphysboro Church is raising money for a new parsonage. Rev. Minor Stevens is the pastor. The Southern Illinois Association will meet with the Murphysboro Church in October.

Rev. E. M. Ryan reports large results at Granite City. Since he became pastor last November, there have been 165 additions. A union tabernacle meeting was held during the sum-

mer. The Granite City Church was started and aided for many years by the State Convention.

Rev. D. O. Hopkins is just entering upon his fourth year as pastor at Champaign. The church showed its appreciation by raising the pastor's salary; this being the fourth time they have raised his salary in the four years he has been pastor there. Let other churches "Go and do likewise."

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE BULLETIN

"I am always anxious for the month to pass by so that I may receive the Bulletin. I think a Baptist home in Illinois is incomplete without this grand little paper."—St. Anne.

"I thank you for your articles in the Bulletin. They are indeed excellent and timely."—Alton.

PERSONALS

The wedding of W. A. Dalton, the new pastor of the Deer Creek church, was announced for September 11th. Mr. Dalton married Miss Minnie Gertrude Richardson of Bridgeport, Conn.

Rev. M. W. Twing, D.D., is entering upon the 20th year of his pastorate with the First Baptist church of Alton. The outlook on that field is very encouraging. The interest has been maintained to a remarkably high degree through the summer, says a correspondent. It is refreshing to read such things in these days of short pastorates.

Rev. C. L. Flanders and his family were given a reception by the Rochelle church Thursday evening, September 9th. The work is starting off hopefully on that field; the Sunday school has increased 50 per cent within recent weeks.

Rev. L. D. Lamkin is supplying the First Church of Cairo for a few weeks during its pastorless period. Dr. Lamkin had held one or two revival meetings in that church and is greatly appreciated by the people.

DEATHS

Mrs. J. H. Martin, who was so brutally murdered in Murphysboro by a negro, who is now under sentence to be hanged, was a sister of Mrs. Amelia K. Smith, one of our best known Baptist women in Southern Illinois.

Rev. A. P. Garrett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cairo for three years, committed suicide in the basement of the church August 2nd. He shot himself with a revolver. Letters which he left, and his extremely nervous condition, seemed to indicate that he was temporarily insane. He was an unmarried man of about forty years of age.

The mother of Rev. Ray E. Foster, pastor at Graymount, died at her home in Towanda August 14th. She had been for a long time a faithful member of the Towanda Church.

Rev. E. J. Fisher, D.D., pastor of the Olivet Colored Baptist Church of Chicago, died a few weeks ago. He had been sick and in the hospital for several months. Dr. Fisher was one of the great men of our denomination. He took the Olivet Church when only the basement was finished, and it had been sold for a \$23,000 debt, and with a membership of 1250. After about ten years he had redeemed the church, completed the auditorium, leaving an \$80,000 property with only a small debt, and had increased the membership to 3,800.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.

Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

The superintendent of the Central Baptist Children's Home has just returned from a three week's vacation and feels as if he were refreshed and ready for another year's work. In his absence the Home was well looked after by the matron and the other helpers. The matron is now taking a two weeks' vacation and spending it with old friends in Macomb.

The Home is still crowded with children, and there are a number on the waiting list.

The Superintendent is now making the associations in his territory in the interest of the Home. I have just returned from Rock Island Association where a large place was given the Home on the program and an enthusiastic response made for the Home.

This is the season of the year when churches, Sunday schools, B.Y.P.U. Societies and individuals make their contributions of fruit and vegetables. We will gladly send fruit jars to those who desire to make a contribution of fruit. I trust the friends will not forget there is a great demand in the Home for butter, lard and eggs. The supply has been entirely used up because of the large number of children with us during the summer.

It is possibly of interest to the readers of the Bulletin to know that we use 75 to 85 loaves of bread a day, together with vegetables and other things that go to make up a day's meals.

I trust all our friends will remember us generously this fall and winter.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS

Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.

The continuous rains have seriously damaged our crops and the present outlook for sowing our wheat is far from good. Still we are thankful for plenty of grass for our stock and for an abundance of vegetables for our tables.

THE BAPTIST PROGRAM

We are quite concerned about the Baptist Program, which is receiving deservedly a great amount of favorable comment. Still we are wondering why the Baptist Program does not include at least one thing which characterized God's program given to the Jews when he organized them for aggressive work as a people. A very casual study of that program will reveal the fact that special provision was made for the care of the "widow and the fatherless," and also for "the stranger." Of course the Jew sometimes left the proper care of the widow and the fatherless out of their program, too, but God surely did some dreadfully straight talking to them about it whenever they did drop it out.

Jesus seemed to also have had in his program the helping of the helpless, and he also does talking, or proposes to do some talking, which will mightily embarrass us Baptists, if we do not add to our splendid program some feature which will make it harmonize more with the early program of God, the program of Christ, and the program of the early church, which created a special fund in behalf of the widows and set apart seven good men to administer upon it.

Foreign and Home Mission Societies

REV. J. Y. AITCHISON, D.D., Joint District Secretary

19 South LaSalle St., Chicago

J. Y. Aitchison, Editor

SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THE WORKING OUT OF THE FIVE YEAR PROGRAM

The attention of pastors and church leaders will be given very definitely to the consideration of our Five Year Program during the next few weeks. Many inquiries are already being made concerning same. It is a time for Baptists to rally to the work of the Kingdom more prayerfully, more unitedly, and more heartily than ever before. If we are to succeed with this Five Year undertaking it will mean that every church must be organized around the fundamental ideal of personal work. Here is a task so great that it can not be accomplished by a few and yet not so great but what it can be accomplished if all our churches organize within themselves a group of personal workers. The largest spiritual blessings will come to the churches that are thus organized.

Much has been said in recent years about the Every Member Canvass, yet as great as have been the financial results of the Every Member Canvass, these returns have been of secondary importance. The spiritual results have been far greater. Lapsed members have been reclaimed. In one church alone over 200 members who had been entirely lost to the church for years were won back to the worship and work of the church as a direct result of the canvass. Church attendance has been

stimulated. Pastors have reported an increase in their congregations of from 5 per cent to 100 per cent. The canvassers themselves receive new joy as a result of the service. Again and again canvassers have asked for other work to do, and ministries that hitherto have been impossible for want of leaders, have been carried forward with the result that all departments of the church work have taken on new life and inspiration. For the real joy of it canvassers have gone out on a fellowship canvass or an evangelistic campaign and cases are on record where in a few weeks as many as one hundred thirteen new members have been added to one church without extra meetings of any kind, as a result of the personal evangelistic efforts of men who caught the vision of such possibilities while conducting a money canvass. Not only have the salaries of hundreds of pastors been increased, but what is far better, the canvass has resulted in giving new vision and encouragement to pastors whose messages and ministries have been quickened until unheard of revivals have broken out and the greatest work of grace ever known has been experienced by scores of churches.

These are not fancy fairy tales, but a statement of actual facts. Church members have been led to see the difference between a real and a nominal Christianity.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

Association Meetings are on—the state meeting is coming! What can each of you do to make these meetings the “very best yet?” *You can attend.* We want every association represented at Aurora October 19. A splendid program, including a Daughters’ Banquet is prepared. Prominent officers of our national societies, splendid women from all over our state, two missionaries, Miss Isabel Crawford and Miss Julia Parrott will be present. Inspiration and enthusiasm will be gained by every woman, old and young, who attends. Which association will send the greatest number of representatives? Which will send the greatest number of “Standards of Excellence” to our secretary, Mrs. F. W. Heath, 2937 Wilcox ave., Chicago? How many will pay the expenses of their president to the state meeting? Every woman begin now to plan to come. Notify Mrs. George McGinnis, 89 LaGrande ave., Aurora, and bring pencil, note books, queries, suggestions, prayer, enthusiasm and all your friends.

Faithfully yours,

Mrs. W. P. Topping.

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Illinois

1. At least one meeting a month with a devotional service and a definite missionary program.

2. Seventy-five per cent of women of the church contributing to the Women's Societies.

3. An increase in average attendance over the year ending October 1, 1914.

4. Contributions to be sent quarterly, or earlier, to the treasurer of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Central District of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Contributions for State Expense Fund to be sent in January or February to the State Treasurer.

5. The Magazine “Missions” in 50 per cent of the homes represented by contributors. A club for “Illinois Baptist Bulletin.”

6. Baby Band, or Little Helpers and Light Bearers, with a program one day during the year in their honor.

7. A missionary contribution and a determined effort made to have missionary work presented to the Sunday school at least four times a year.

8. A Young Woman's Auxiliary, or some form of missionary work for the young women.

9. At least one mission study class.

10. Observance of the special day for prayer appointed by the Woman's Home and Woman's Foreign Societies.

Those who can write “Yes” after four of these requirements will be enrolled in Class C. Those who reach five in Class B. Those reaching six in Class A. Those who attain the eight will be on a list of Honor.

These slips should be returned by October 5, 1915, to Mrs. F. W. Heath, 2937 Wilcox ave., Chicago, Ill.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B.Y.P.U.



Director, W. B. Morris,
577 West Macon st., Decatur

The Assembly at Quiver Lake exceeded all expectations in every way. It furnished an ideal outing for those who attended. On account of being in the midst of moving to Decatur, I was unable to be present all the time. The B.Y.P.U. section was ably conducted by Rev. Martin S. Bryant, who made the mission study classes interesting to all who attended. The Sunday school section was favored by Professor R. M. Utterback, who did some fine work in discussing the various phases of Sunday school administration. Rev. N. J. Hilton was obliged to go home on account of sickness and his period was taken by Prof. J. H. Collins, of Springfield, who gave a very interesting talk on "Teaching the Lesson." Rev. Spring, a returned missionary, occupied one period with profit to all present. Hon. Owen Scott conducted the Sunday school session on Sunday. The attendance was fine and many helpful hints and suggestions were given by the leader.

I spent one Sunday in Percy with Rev. J. H. Blythe and his people. This was the closing Sunday of a successful pastorate. Several candidates were baptized in the afternoon, and the hand of church fellowship given to several others.

One Sunday morning was given to the Elliott ave. church, Springfield.

Pastor Ford is making good progress in his work on this field. All departments of the work are in a flourishing condition. The congregation contemplate building in the near future. Sunday evening I preached for Pastor Sharpes at the Riverside church in Decatur, and also attended the B.Y.P.U. service.

One day was spent in Chicago in conference with the committee arranging for our City Institute to be held in November. We hope to make this the largest and best of the institutes held recently under the direction of the American Baptist Publication Society in various large cities.

I attended the Greene-Jersey Association in White Hall. The attendance was good and the program of a high order. The last Sunday was spent in Bloomington with Dr. Jackson and his church. In the morning I spoke to the school on its real purpose. Then to the church on its Teaching Ministry. In the afternoon we held a Sunday School Workers' Conference, and discussed the needs of the local school.

During the month I have traveled 1632 miles, visited nine churches, four schools, and four societies, preached six sermons, and delivered twenty-one addresses, held four institutes. My work was interrupted considerably, but Sep-

tember promises a full schedule again. We have secured Rev. Floyd Adams of Hammond, Ind., as the speaker for the Young Peoples' session at our next State Convention, to be held in Aurora. This means a treat in store for the young people.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. N. T. Hafer spent two weeks with the LaSalle Church, not in special meetings, but in pastoral work. At the end of the two weeks he gave the hand of fellowship to nine persons, and three others sent for letters. He baptized two young men and two young women. Brother Hafer is at this writing working in the Central Illinois Association.

Missionary Hafer re-dedicated the Graymount Church August 15th. This dedication had been postponed twice on account of rainy weather, but the third effort was a great success. Brother Hafer raised the \$1000 needed to pay the indebtedness for remodeling the church* and \$500 to repair the parsonage.

Rev. V. Colbert writes on August 16th as follows: "We had a fine meeting at Madison last night with five additions, four by letter and one for baptism. We will have baptism again next Sunday."

Rev. H. F. Jones had a good time at Perry in his August meeting. He baptized two at that time.

Rev. P. S. McCubbin of Petersburg is now located at Marseilles. Reports indicate that the work is more hopeful at that place than it has been for some time.

Rev. H. S. Morrill recently held a meeting with the Indianola Church. We have not learned the results of the meeting. He is now located in Aurora.

THE COST OF THE WAR IN MEN AND MONEY

The sacrifice of life entailed by the year of slaughter, says The Evening Post, is something that the world contemplates "with a sense of aghast helplessness." From the many lists appearing in newspapers and magazines, we take the following table, which has been compiled by the New York Independent from official statistics and the estimates of Red Cross and other relief organizations:

			Prisoners and	
	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Total
Russia	800,000	2,000,000	800,000	3,600,000
France.....	450,000	800,000	310,000	1,560,000
G. Britain	125,000	250,000	90,000	465,000
Belgium	50,000	165,000	45,000	260,000
Servia	65,000	113,000	50,000	228,000
Montenegro	8,000	15,000	5,000	28,000
Italy	5,000	12,000	2,000	19,000
Totals	1,503,000	3,335,000	1,302,000	6,160,000
Germany	500,000	900,000	250,000	1,650,000
A.-Hungary	355,000	800,000	200,000	1,355,000
Turkey	50,000	100,000	50,000	200,000
Totals	905,000	1,800,000	500,000	3,205,000
Grand total	2,408,000	5,155,000	1,802,000	9,365,000

The cost of the war in money runs to a similarly huge total. We read in the New York Tribune,

"Great Britain is now spending about \$15,000,000 a day on the war, according to Premier Asquith. Albert Metin, general budget reporter of the French Chamber of Deputies, calculates the war is costing France \$10,000 a minute, or \$14,400,000 a day. William Michaelis recently estimated the daily cost to Germany at \$8,250,000, saying forty days of this war cost as much as the whole Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71. . . Mr. Michaelis puts the total cost of the first year of the war at \$15,000,000,000, not including Italy's expenditures, a sum more than 50 per cent greater than the gold production of the world during the last 500 years. Other estimates run still higher, to \$20,000,000,000."—Literary Digest.

"SIGNIFICANCE OF BAPTISM

"Personal faith in the Lord Jesus saves the soul. Baptism will not make a man a Christian. A Christian should, of course, be baptized, as a soldier should put on a uniform; but putting on the uniform, does not really make a man a soldier; so it is not baptism that makes a man a Christian. The man puts on the uniform because he is already in heart a soldier; and so a man should be baptized when he has become a Christian. A properly organized church, therefore consists of truly regenerated persons who have been baptized on the pro-



EDITOR OF THE BULLETIN AT LAKE OKAUTCHEE, WISCONSIN

The Editor of the Bulletin spent three days in August resting in the tent of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Sparks, by the beautiful lake Okautchee, Wis. They own about seven acres of a very pretty grove with 1000 feet of water front. They spent their vacation for a number of years at that place. The above was taken a few feet from the tent after some hours of bass fishing.

fession of their faith. Thus Baptists refuse to give baptism, or even rantism, to unconscious infants. They baptize only those whom they believe to have already become Christians, only those who give evidence of having met with an internal spiritual change. Until a recent date the idea that baptism will not make a man a Christian was distinctively a Baptist doctrine. In the Middle Ages all but Baptists held the doctrine of baptismal regeneration. If a man had been baptized it was assumed by most churchmen that he was thus made a Christian; the man was then admitted to all the rights of the Church. This statement is still true, in large part, among Romanists, Episcopalians and the Lutherans even now. It is true also, to some degree, even among those who declare themselves to be more evangelical. All who were baptized, or even rantized, in infancy are considered to be Christians, though they give no evidence whatever of an inward spiritual change. The rapid growth of Baptists results from a more general discarding of the doctrine that baptism makes Christians. Revivals like those of Edwards and Whitefield, of Moody and Sunday add greatly to the number of Baptists. When an evangelist says that baptism will not make a man a Christian, people ask, "Why then, should infants be baptized?" There certainly is no logical place, as there is no Scriptural authority, for infant baptism in any evangelical system of religion."—Dr. R. S. McArthur, in Watchman Examiner.

"AN OBJECT LESSON FROM CHICAGO"

"In every local option contest in Illinois the wet forces of Chicago join with the wet forces in the down-state communities in their fight to perpetuate the liquor traffic. The United Societies, the so-called Manufacturers and Dealers' Association, the National Association of Commerce and Labor, the Wholesale and Retail Liquor Dealers' Association, and the Lord only knows how many other wet organizations, flood the mails with literature and send organizers and speakers and writers, not to mention money, in a determined effort to defeat the drys.

"They invariably raise the financial issue and try to scare timid voters into voting wet by asserting that a dry town is a dead town. In Chicago one of their chief slogans is 'The Town that Goes Dry Goes Broke.'

"One of the best answers to all this is furnished by Chicago itself. In a walk down Cottage Grove avenue, the other evening, we counted in just two blocks, from Thirty-seventh to Thirty-ninth streets seventeen saloons and retail liquor stores, and eleven empty store-rooms.

"Can you beat it?"—The Illinois Issue.

"WHAT ELSE CAN YOU EXPECT?"

"LaSalle county reports the second largest almshouse population in the state, with an expenditure of \$40,000 in pauper claims each year. But what can you expect of a county that ranks among the banner saloon counties of the state?"

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COMMUNION



Neglected—Restricted—Open

The Lord's supper is one of the two ordinances which the Master commanded to be observed by his church, and it should not be neglected. It appears, from the teaching of the New Testament that the primary object for which the early disciples assembled on Sunday was not especially to hear preaching, but to break bread. Acts 20:7. Neither baptism nor the Lord's supper is a saving ordinance, not the means of regeneration, but it should be observed by those who have already been saved.

Yet they are both absolutely essential to perfect obedience and loyalty to Jesus Christ. In the southern half of Illinois there are to be found some pastors and churches—we fear a considerable number—who are very indifferent about observing the Lord's supper. Some have no definite time for its celebration. Some churches do not have an observance of the supper for years together. Some preachers, for some trivial cause or whim, will allow whole years to pass by without celebrating the ordinance; and strange to say, so far as I know, every one of these brethren are extreme close-communionists. It seems to me that it is almost a betrayal of our Lord to

neglect the ordinance that commemorates His suffering and death. And again, there has been a good deal said and written in recent years with regard to the Baptists giving up their generally accepted doctrine of restricted communion. While the denomination all over the country, and especially in the North, has modified its position and practice somewhat with regard to an invitation, yet the denomination as a whole has not changed, and cannot change; its teaching, with regard to qualifications for participation in the Lord's supper without giving up its adherence to the New Testament. Not many churches, especially in the North, in these days give an invitation to all. But I know of no Baptist churches that give an unrestricted invitation to participate at the communion. Baptists everywhere teach that regeneration is a prerequisite to partaking of the Lord's supper, and that unregenerated persons should not be encouraged or invited to participate in the ordinance. Baptists have always laid great stress upon obedience in baptism properly observed and for the right purpose. Some Baptists in England and a few in America have studiously relegated baptism to the rear and laid much greater stress upon communion than baptism,

but not so with the great body of Baptists. We believe, that according to New Testament teaching, baptism should always precede the Lord's supper. On the day of Pentecost, Peter did not say in Acts 3:38, Repent and eat the Lord's supper, but "Repent and be baptized every one of you" * * * "Then they that received the word were baptized." Nothing was said about the communion, but a few verses farther on, after they had been baptized and gathered into the church it says, "And day by day, continuing steadfastly, with one accord, in the temple and *breaking bread*," etc. When Philip went down to Samaria and preached there was a great awakening and "When they believed Philip preaching good tidings concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized both men and women." Acts 8:12. It does not say they ate the Lord's supper, but were baptized.

When Peter opened the doors of the church to the Gentile world, and after he had preached a powerful sermon in the home of Cornelius, "The Holy Ghost fell upon all who heard the Word," and they "received the Holy Ghost." Acts 10:44 and 57. Peter did not say, who can forbid bread and wine that these should not eat the Lord's supper. Many pedo-Baptists and a few Baptists of our day would have said that, but Peter said: "Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?"

When the jailer and his household believed the gospel, Paul and Silas did not spread a table in the prison and celebrate the communion, but took the jailer and his household out and baptized them.

Now with these plain teachings of scripture before us, what right have we Baptists to reverse the order and to invite and encourage the unbaptized to eat of the Lord's supper. Such a reversal of the order always and everywhere has a tendency to encourage a neglect of baptism, but Jesus said in His great and last commission "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, *baptizing* them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19.

Baptists cannot be loyal to their Lord and encourage the neglect of baptism; and inasmuch as our Lord and His apostles plainly put baptism before the Lord's supper, we *cannot*, and as a denomination, never will reverse the order.

PASTORS TO AURORA

It is of vital interest to the churches that their pastors attend the meetings of the State Convention. Not many pastors can attend the great National Convention because of distance and expense; but pastors who can neither attend the Northern Baptist Convention nor the State Convention are at a very great disadvantage in doing aggressive up-to-date work. It ought to be within the reach of all to attend the State Convention, but it is not. Some pastors feel that they cannot afford to go. It is exceedingly short-sighted on the part of their churches not to send them. Ten or fifteen laymen could "chip in" \$1.00 each and not miss it, and thus enable their pastor to go, and the whole church would be benefited by his going. Let the laymen see to it that the pastor goes, and let the Ladies' Aid Society or Mission Circle see that the pastor's wife has a well filled purse to go to the State Convention at Aurora, October 18-21.

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THE first of October closes seventeen years on the part of the editor of the Bulletin as Superintendent of State Convention work. Many changes have taken place among the Baptists of Illinois during those seventeen years, but there has been continuous, and in some directions, rapid progress.

IN seventeen years the membership has increased from 114,000 to 155,000 and the State Convention income from about \$6000 to about \$20,000.

SEVENTEEN years ago there was no Baptist Orphanage in Southern Illinois, and the one in Chicago had just begun to exist. There was no Old People's Home, and the University of Chicago was in its infancy, and the Training School was doing business in an old building on Indiana avenue. Our great Baptist work at the University was not dreamed of in those days.

SEVENTEEN years ago we met in Aurora, and there was an enrollment of about sixty, beside ministers, and the women had no part in the meeting, and no special meetings of their own.

THE meetings in Aurora this year will be a rallying point for the Baptists of the whole state. There our pastors and laymen from all parts of the state meet, and get acquainted and enter into closer fellowship with each other. The Baptist brotherhood is deepened, and a feeling of solidarity is developed as it can be in no other way.

LET us all go to Aurora with a prayer on our lips for a good meeting and for the Divine Presence and God's blessing.

**WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE
BULLETIN**

"I want to take you by the hand and tell you that you are giving us some great reading in the Bulletin."—Barry.

THE STATE CONVENTION—1915

Again we have come to the close of the Convention year. The year just closed has been one of definite progress in the work of the Convention. This completes seventeen years under the present administration. Some of the unusual things accomplished this year are: The carrying out of a successful summer assembly; the raising of money for a University Church and the beginning of work among the foreign speaking peoples. The evangelistic and pastoral work of our state missionaries has been above the average this year in practical results. The seasons the last three years have been very unfavorable in many parts of our state. The two seasons preceding the present one were exceedingly dry in more than half the state, and this season has been so wet that the farmers in most parts of the state have suffered

great loss. The foot and mouth disease among the cattle has greatly hindered the prosperity of many farmers. And yet the State Convention has come through these years without incurring a debt. On the whole there has been harmony and brotherly feeling among the forces of our State Convention. During the past year the Convention has aimed to give its influence in a helpful way to the work of all the missionary interests, the educational institutions and our charitable work. We have organic relations with the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work, and rejoice to see both of these institutions increase in power and efficiency throughout the state. We look back upon the year that closed October 1st as one of progress and some advancement, but we look forward to the year to come with anticipation of larger work and great results in the Master's work.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING SEPTEMBER

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a star (*).

Alpha Church, Mrs. W. O. Allison	
(2)	\$ 5.00
*Alton, First Church	185.40
*Antioch Church (Cent. Ill. Assn.)	4.20
Arthur Church	51.00
*Arcola Church	28.00
Ashland Church	32.00
*Ashley Church	19.35
*Atlanta Church, Rev. J. C. Ellinwood (5)	5.00
Atlanta Church, Mrs. J. C. Ellinwood (3)	5.00
*Auburn Church	36.00
*Aurora, First Church	54.00
Baker's Prairie Church	10.00
Barry Church	30.00
Barry Ch., Mrs. G. W. Claxon (2)	5.00
Barry Ch., Mrs. L. H. Grammer (1)	5.00
Basco Church	5.00
Bethany Church, (Alton Assn.)	22.00
*Bethel Church, (Salem Assn.)	25.00

Bethel Ch., (Greene-Jersey Co. Assn.)	5.00
Belleville Church	19.00
Belvidere, South Church	27.13
*Benton, First Church	68.00
Blandinsville Church	10.00
Bloomfield Assn. Mis. Com.	15.50
*Bloomington Church	5.50
Bloomington Ch., Dr. E. Mammen	15.00
Big Rock Church	5.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	62.55
*Bunkerhill Church	23.35
Bunkerhill Ch., Chas. E. Drew and wife	10.00
Bunkerhill Sunday School	3.00
*Bushnell Ch., Rev. J. W. Megan	5.00
Bushnell Ch., S. E. Arnold	2.00
Bushnell Ch., Mrs. John Hunt	5.00
Bushnell B. Y. P. U.	2.00
Cairo, First Church	33.33
Canton Church	62.00
Carbondale Church	40.00
*Carrollton Church	55.00
Centralia Church	3.25
Chicago, Auburn Park Church	20.00
Chicago, Austin Church	38.39
Chicago, Englewood Church	16.82
*Chicago, Galilee Church	3.50
Chicago, Garfield Park Church	45.00
Chicago, Humboldt Park Church	5.48
*Chicago, Irving Park Church	15.96
*Chicago, LaSalle ave., Church	32.00
Chicago, Logan Square Church	6.35
Chicago, Messiah Church	6.47
*Chicago, Millard ave., Church	25.00
Chicago, Normal Park Church	84.00
Chicago, Ravenswood	8.00
Chicago, Wentworth ave., Church	10.00
Chicago Heights Church	20.00
Champaign, Univ. Ch., Rev. M. S. Bryant	5.00
Charleston Church	16.00
*Chatham Church	6.00
*Chatsworth Church	12.00
Chillicothe Ch., B. F. Zinzer (6)	5.00
Chrisman Church	5.06
Clark's Chapel	3.00
*Clayton Church	10.00
Clayton Church, Lyle Shank (1)	5.00
Clayton Ch., Miss Edna Shank (1)	5.00
Collected on Mission Fields	256.39
*Danvers Church	17.00
*Danville, First Church	4.00
*Deer Park Church	4.00
Decatur, East Park Church	13.00
Divernon Church	25.00
*Dundee Church	11.00
*East Alton Church	19.00
*Edwardsville Church	9.00
Elgin, First Church	50.00
*Elgin, Immanuel Church	19.00
*Elvaston Church	11.00
*Erie Church	14.78
Evanston, First Church	16.67
Fairbury Church	2.78
Fairfield Church	5.00

*Fairmount Church	25.00	Rev. A. C. Hodgson (5).....	5.00
Forest City Church	4.00	Peoria, Bethany Church	
*Fosterburg Church	18.00	Wm. Swords (2)	5.00
Galesburg Church	200.00	Peoria, First Church	68.26
*Galva Church	33.00	Perry Church .....	.75
Geneseo Church	4.50	Petersburg Church	20.00
Glassford Church	4.00	Plainfield Church	28.25
Granite City Church	10.00	Plainville Church, A. M. Carter.....	5.00
Griggsville Church	24.00	Plymouth Church	4.00
Havana Church	13.15	Pittsfield Church	12.00
*Hoopeston Church	9.84	Quincy Association Mis. Com.....	100.00
Hudson Ch., Rev. J. E. Hart (3)	5.00	*Quincy, First Church	67.00
Interest	55.55	Raritan Church	16.50
Jacksonville Ch. Mrs. Mary I. Blunt	5.00	Raritan Church	
Jerseyville Church	11.49	Adrian Weddington (1)	5.00
Joliet, Eastern ave., Church.....	74.00	*Rantoul Church	21.00
*Joliet, Eastern ave., Church		*Reynolds Church	17.00
Mrs. Ida Heald (6)	5.00	Rochelle Ch., Lloyd Flanders (5)	5.00
Joliet, Ridgewood Church.....	8.96	Rockton Church	6.00
Kankakee Church	64.00	Rock Island Assn. Mis. Com.....	49.99
Kellerville Church	8.75	Savanna Church	30.00
Kewanee Church	45.25	Sciota Church	5.00
Kinderhook Church	20.50	*Shelbyville Church	58.00
Mrs. Bessie Martin (2)	5.00	Sidell Church	24.00
*LaMarsh Church	7.00	*Silvis Church	8.00
*LaMoille Church	53.00	*Somonauk Church	8.00
*LaSalle Church	24.00	South Chicago Church	6.00
Lexington Church		Stonington Church, Old.....	15.71
Mrs. V. M. Bruffy (3).....	5.00	Stonington Church, New.....	15.00
Lexington Church		Streator, First Church	7.00
A. J. Scrogin (5).....	5.00	Streator, First Church	
Lexington Church		Selma Louise Stoddard (2)....	5.00
E. Ruth Scrogin (4).....	5.00	St. Mary's Ch., O. B. Turner.....	5.00
*Lincoln Church	10.00	St. Mary's Ch., B. Y. P. U.....	2.29
Literberry Church	15.00	St. Mary's Church, Sunday School	1.56
Littleton Church	11.00	*Sparland Church	12.00
Macomb Church		*Springfield, Elliott ave. Church...	5.00
Hope MacGillivray (6).....	5.00	Springfield, Elliott ave. Church	
*Madison Church	48.00	W. G. Fagan (6)	5.00
Marengo Church	10.00	Springfield, Central Church	100.00
Marseilles Church	8.00	Tampico Church	2.35
Mahomet Church	34.00	*Taylorville Church	51.00
Mason City Church	5.00	*Tolono Church	4.00
Mendota Church	20.00	Tonica Parsonage Rent	20.00
*Minonk Church	71.00	Toulon Church	30.00
Minonk Church, Geo. Nellinger (6)	5.00	*Urbana, First Church	137.00
Minonk Ch., Mrs. H. E. Mammen (5)	5.00	Urbana, First Church	
Morgan Park Church	55.66	R. S. Kirkland (2).....	5.00
Morris Church	25.00	*Utica Church	41.00
Moweaqua Church	30.00	Waverly Church	20.00
Moweaqua Church		White Hall Church	40.00
Rev. Frank Woodhull, (2)....	5.00	Wilton Center Church	9.00
*Mt. Carroll Church	136.00	Winchester Church	
Mt. Sterling Church	6.50	Rev. D. H. Toomey	10.00
Mt. Zion Ch., (Quincy Assn).....	3.00	*Woodstock Church	2.18
*Murphysboro Church	14.00		
*Normal Church	39.47	Total	\$4663.78
Northern Baptist Convention	150.00	Paid on University Ch. in Sept....	3667.50
Ottawa Church	50.00		
Pacific Union Ch., Daniel Platt.....	11.00	Grand Total for September	\$8331.28
Paris Church	20.00		
*Pawnee Church	8.00		
*Peoria, Bethany Church	19.11		
Peoria, Bethany Church			

AN INSPIRING OFFER

Many of our good people have wondered why Baptists have done so little for the destitute and penniless among our 13,000 ministers and missionaries.

Perhaps the best answer to this natural inquiry is that we *are* doing although we have but recently began. Four years ago there was not a penny in the treasury of the Northern Baptist Convention for this purpose, although some local efforts were made. Pledges, gifts by "A Man From Pennsylvania," Mr. Ambrose Swasey and others have given us a good beginning. The board last year made grants in 27 states and its work received generous recognition by the state apportionment committees. In order to deal even justly, to say nothing of reasonable generosity, with these old soldiers of the Cross, the Fund of our Board, ought to be increased at least five fold.

Attention is called to the following facts:

Number of Baptist ministers and missionaries, approximately, 13,000.

Estimated number in need, 600.

Number aided in 1914-15, 250.

Highest grant by the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board in 1914-15, \$400.

Lowest grant by the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board in 1914-15, \$100.

Every application is thoroughly investigated.

A GENEROUS OFFER

In this extremity, at the meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles in May, 1915, a generous hearted man offered to give \$50,000

to increase the Permanent Fund provided the denomination would add \$125,000 to the Permanent Fund before December 31, 1915. This condition now confronts the denomination. It is our supreme opportunity. In all probability never again will a conditional campaign be undertaken by the Benefit Board. It is therefore imperative that the response be prompt and generous.

The amount immediately required is \$125,000, in cash or pledges. Failure will mean a loss of \$175,000.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE—SUGGESTIONS

1. An outright gift.

2. Transfer of securities. If desired the interest of such securities when and as accrued can be paid the donor during his life time.

3. Purchase of an annuity bond. An exceptionally high rate of interest is paid, the same as by all the denominational boards. These bonds are especially attractive to older people, widows, etc. A perpetual income is secured for the donor and at his death the money is used by the Benefit Board to care for ministers and missionaries.

THE FIRST GIFT TO THE FUND

The first gift toward the \$125,000 required is \$50 from a Home Missionary. The Benefit Board is confident that this spirit of consecration is not exceptional. What is done must be done quickly.

Rev. E. T. Tomlinson,
Executive Secretary.

Rev. H. L. Morehouse,
President and Treasurer.
23 East 26th st., New York City.

ASSOCIATIONS

The Bloomfield Association met in the splendid new church building in Danville. The attendance was good. The ladies of the Danville Church served meals in the basement of the church, where they have every facility for such service, and they did it well. The program was a good one and was well carried out. Time was given for the missionary work of that association, and for the State Convention, which has been doing much work in that territory. The Bloomfield Association is one of the largest in the state and occupies a section in which there is much mission work that needs to be done. The churches reported 296 baptisms. Dr. Krumreig, the pastor of the Danville Church, did much to make this meeting of the association a success.

The Morgan Scott County Association met with the Winchester Church August 14. Rev. D. H. Toomy is pastor of the church. This was one of the best meetings of that association we have ever attended. The large auditorium of the Winchester church was well filled, and the people were well served in the basement by the ladies of the church. Mr. A. A. Curry was re-elected moderator. He not only gives time, but also gives liberally of his money, for this work. Seven churches reported 130 baptisms, 103 more than last year. Seven churches reported no baptisms. The delegates and pastors held open air meetings in the town square each evening. \$250 was subscribed to aid in missionary work in the association next year.

The Bloomington Association met with the Pontiac Church September 21. The entertaining church is still without a pastor, but the laymen and ladies took good care of the association. Eight new pastors were introduced to the Association. The churches reported 151 baptisms, 166 less than last year. Rev. J. L. Jackson was elected moderator, and Rev. N. J. Hilton re-elected clerk. Miss Isabelle Crawford and Miss Ella B. McLaurin spoke for the Woman's work; Dr. J. Y. Aitchison for Home and Foreign Mission work, and Supt. E. P. Brand for State Convention. Steps were taken to do some work on fields where but little is now being done.

The Quincy Association met with the First Church of Quincy. The attendance was good, about 150 having enrolled the first day. The churches reported 261 baptisms, 180 more than last year. Meals were served in the church for all who attended. Miss Crawford and several local women made addresses. Rev. Thomas Moody represented Foreign Missions; Rev. Mr. Phelps of Oklahoma, missionary among the Indians of that state, represented the Home Mission Society. The editor of the Bulletin spoke for State Missions. The State Convention and association co-operate in mission work. Forty-seven baptisms were reported as the result of this work. Rev. Oliver Reed, the pastor of the entertaining church, has had remarkable success during the past year, having baptised 122 converts.

The Aurora Association met with the First Church in Joliet September

13-15. The attendance was good and I have never attended the meetings of that association when they were better than this year. Every church in the association was supplied with regular preaching last year, except three or four that are practically closed up. The churches reported 147 baptisms, nine more than last year, and a net gain of a few members. The spirit in the meetings seemed Christlike and earnest. I heard the address of Dr. Marsh on Monday night very highly spoken of, and the doctrinal sermon by Rev. Henry Clay Miller was very good. Rev. J. C. Richardson of Morris was elected moderator, and Rev. C. A. Marshall of Manhattan was elected clerk.

....The Alton Association met with the Centralia Church September 29th. This church is in the extreme Southern part of the association, and a long distance from most of the churches of the association. While nearly all of the churches were represented, the attendance was not large, but the local attendance filled the house at the night sessions. Rev. A. P. Howells, the pastor of the entertaining church, was re-elected moderator, and Dr. M. W. Twining was re-elected clerk. The reports from the churches showed a splendid year's growth. The churches reported 755 baptisms, 444 more than were reported last year. Rev. V. Colbert, the associational missionary, reported a good year's work, and was re-elected for another year. A good program was arranged. Thirteen boys and girls from the Hudelson Home were present in one session and sang very beautifully. On Thursday fifty-two messengers took a six a.m. train

and visited the Home at Irvington, six miles south of Centralia. Miss Katharine Webber (Aunt Kate), the splendid and efficient matron, and her helpers among the larger girls, prepared a splendid breakfast. While they were invited guests, a liberal offering was taken up for the institution. This was the largest Baptist company that had ever visited the Home, and they were well pleased with the appearance of the Home and the children and the farm.

The Centralia church entertained the association well, and both church and messengers were greatly benefited by the meetings.

REJECTION OF THE MARLEY CHURCH

It was reported in the Joliet papers last winter that the Marley Church, a small country and village church, but one of the oldest organizations in the Aurora Association, had repudiated the Baptist views of baptism and had adopted a system of open membership and received persons on sprinkling or infant baptism. When the letter from this church was presented at the association recently held in Joliet, an objection to receiving it was made and the matter was referred to the standing committee on Ordinations and Councils. Rev. O. T. Anderson, a man who came from the South, who had been the student pastor for two years, and four messengers from the church, appeared before the committee and were given opportunity to state their case and present any arguments to sustain the action of the church, which they did for three hours. Mr. Anderson seems to be a man of splendid spirit, of fine presence and considerable talent. He doubtless has a strong hold upon the church

and the community. He stated in a very clear and earnest manner that because of local conditions they had adopted a four-fold plan:

1. To have free and open communion.
2. To receive members on any form of baptism, sprinkling, immersion or infant baptism.
3. To grant letters to members to unite with any church they might desire.
4. To practice the public consecration of infants.

The pastor, Mr. Anderson, and the messengers from that church defended all these propositions. They stated that the church had received quite a number of members who had never been immersed. The committee recommended to the association to refuse to receive the letter and messengers of the Marley church. The next morning, September 15th, the matter was taken up in the association and discussed until twenty minutes before twelve o'clock. The discussion brought out all phases of the subject. All the addresses were made in a kindly and Christian spirit. There was a deep feeling of regret that the majority of the church should have taken that attitude. There was not one expression of sympathy with open membership outside of the Marley pastor and delegates. When the vote was taken it was unanimous to withdraw fellowship from the Marley church.

ANNUITY BONDS

In our September issue our leading editorial was on annuity bonds. Below we publish in detail further information upon this subject. This matter of annuity investments is continually attracting more attention. We recommend

this table below to the careful study of the readers of the Bulletin.

Amount Paid Annually on \$1,000									
Age Amt.		Age Amt.		Age Amt.		Age Amt.		Age Amt.	
Under 40—	\$40	50—	\$60	61—	\$71	72—	\$82		
40—	50	51—	61	62—	72	73—	83		
41—	51	52—	62	63—	73	74—	84		
42—	52	53—	63	64—	74	75—	85		
43—	53	54—	64	65—	75	76—	86		
44—	54	55—	65	66—	76	77—	87		
45—	55	56—	66	67—	77	78—	88		
46—	56	57—	67	68—	78	79—	89		
47—	57	58—	68	69—	79	80 and			
48—	58	59—	69	70—	80	over—	90		
49—	59	60—	70	71—	81				

In the list above you can see at a glance opposite your age the amount paid annually on each \$1000 given to the Convention; for example, a person taking a bond at 67 years of age, will receive \$77 each year during his lifetime on each \$1,000. For those whose age is under 40, the rate is \$40 on each \$1,000. For those whose age is 80 or above, the rate is \$90 on each \$1,000.

DETERMINING INTEREST ON TWO LIVES

When two receive a life income on the same bond the rate is determined as follows: We add both ages together, find the average age, then find in the table the amount per \$1,000 paid for that age, and deduct \$2. This is two-tenths of one per cent. less than the amount paid to one person at this age, when only one person receives the income during his life. For an example: If your age is 72, and your friend's age 64, these added make 136; divided by 2, we have the average age of 68. The table shows that 68 gets \$78; deduct 2—answer \$76. It should be clearly understood that when a joint bond is issued either both persons receive the interest together, dividing it as they may wish, and the surviving one receiving the entire amount, or one person receives the interest during his lifetime, and at his decease the second person receives the same income during his lifetime.

ASSOCIATIONAL MINUTES

One of the discouraging things about local associational work is the tardiness with which many clerks attend to the business. Sometimes it is four or five months after the association meets before the minutes are printed and usually it is two or three months. It is refreshing and encouraging to know that we have some clerks who are very prompt in attending to business. The Greene-Jersey County Association met in White Hall, August 25th, and on September 25th, a copy of the minutes was received in this office. Thomas E. Farmer, a layman living in Roodhouse, is the clerk. But the Rock Island Association did better than that. It met in Aledo, August 31st, and the clerk, Rev. W. C. Monroe of East Moline, sent the minutes, which reached this office September 24th. In both cases the minutes are quite complete, and the work well done. The people lose interest in the minutes when they are long delayed. No associational clerk should require more than thirty days to get the minutes printed and circulated.

DEATHS

Rev. John C. C. Clark, D.D., recently died at his home in Upper Alton, at the age of 82 years. He was sitting alone in his easy chair in the afternoon, and apparently passed away without a struggle. Dr. Clark was born in Providence, R. I., and was graduated from Rochester University in 1859. He was connected with the old Baptist University of Chicago, and afterward with Shurtleff College. In his later years he spent his time in literary work, especially in writing books.

Rev. John D. Rumsey, for several years pastor at Mattoon, died September 10th, as a result of an operation for appendicitis. He was born in Wales February 2, 1860, and was graduated from Colgate Seminary in 1888. He has held three pastorates in Illinois, Princeton, Girard and Mattoon. He has had very good success at Mattoon, and died in the midst of a prosperous pastorate. He leaves a widow and three daughters.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. G. A. Sheets, who has been pastor at Kankakee for about five years, has closed his work to accept a call to the First Baptist Church of Rockford.

Rev. Geo. W. Stoddard, after three years of work with the First Baptist Church at Streator, has accepted a call and located in Dixon. According to reports in the Dixon papers the work is opening up encouragingly, and Brother Stoddard is very hopeful for the future of the work there.

It is reported that M. W. Johnson, a colored man in an eastern state, has been called to the pastorate of the Olivet Church in Chicago. That church has an enrollment of 3800 members, the largest church, perhaps, of any denomination in the west. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of a Home Mission School and of the University of Chicago.

Rev. F. M. Crabtree of White Hall, has been called to the pastorate for half time of the church at Literberry. He had supplied the church for some time before the call was made.

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Maywood, Illinois

MRS. A. W. RUNYON

Editor and Field Secretary

5742 Maryland Ave., Chicago

We have a happy household of 30 members and much cause for encouragement, yet the summer months have been anxious ones for the Board of Managers, who feel the responsibility for the support of the Home. The necessary bills for the Home, including fuel, light, provisions and salaries of help in the Home amounts to about \$450 per month, which is proportionately almost one-half less than some similar institutions. We cannot make it less and do justice to the residents.

Some friends or churches who have forgotten or neglected their obligation to the aged must send in their contribution to the current expense soon if we are to come up to our October meeting out of debt, as has been our custom.

We are glad to report \$3000 of the amount necessary to meet the \$5000 conditional gift to the Home has been secured. \$2000 more to raise before January, 1916. Anyone contributing \$1,000 can have it set aside as a special memorial endowment—the principal to be placed in trust and the interest used as a perpetual support for the Home. Any amount is acceptable. A lady from New York sends \$10, hoping 99 others will make up the thousand dollars.

The Annual Bazaar will be held Nov. 29 and 30, at the New Morrison Hotel in Chicago. Contributions for this sale and boxes or barrels of fruit for use in the Home would be timely and much appreciated.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS****Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

Our annual meeting and picnic were spoiled by heavy rains, and we adjourned the annual meeting until about the middle of January. The exact date will be published in due time.

Our school work began the middle of September, immediately after the return of Mr. Stickle from his vacation. The little tots are being taught by Miss Geneva Longhta, our oldest girl, who is taking first year high school studies in our school.

Rev. Frank Woodhull, pastor at Moweaqua, Illinois, brought to us five little people, whose mother had recently died, and whose father was unable to maintain his family organization. Some of the children had been members of the Baptist Sunday school of Brother Woodhull's church.

September 20th four children came in from near Alton, Illinois. Three of these were thrown out of a home by the death of the mother, and one of them by the death of the father. This makes nine new children received in less than two weeks, and they raise the number present to sixty, fully as many as we ought to attempt to care for at one time.

We took pains to recently visit the Central Baptist Children's Home at Maywood, and were pleased with evidences given by the condition and conversation of the children that Mr. and Mrs. MacGillivray are doing excellent work. When criticisms arise, started by some tragedian, visit your orphanages and see for yourselves.

Foreign and Home Mission Societies

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MISSIONARY WORK IN BERWYN

BY REV. MARK F. SANBORN, PASTOR OF
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The seven churches of Berwin united in a Missionary Week September 12 to 19, that was a great success and a great blessing. The churches are: Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Swedish Baptist and Swedish Lutheran. We are fortunate in having home on furlough Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Cole, Methodist missionaries to China, and Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Longley, missionaries of the Berwyn Baptist Church to India.

On Sunday, September 12, there were special missionary sermons and addresses in all the churches. On Monday occurred the "250 Workers' Dinner." Nearly 275 were present. Addresses were given by Rev. Thomas Moody of Africa, Dr. John Thompson of the Methodist City Mission Society, and Dr. A. N. Hitchcock of the American Board. The room was decorated with flags of all nations and we had the missionary exhibit that was used at the World's Christian Endeavor Society in Chicago in July.

Tuesday addresses were given by Rev. W. J. Longley with slides from India, and Rev. Thomas Moody. This meeting, like every one, was attended by a full house. On Wednesday we met 600 strong at the Baptist church for a reception to the returned missionaries, and to view the exhibits. We had booths of curios from India, China

and Africa, and literature from the Boards of the different denominations represented. Short addresses were given by the missionaries. A Chinese wedding was presented.

Thursday we considered some of the World Problems in America, and Christianity's answer. Rev. Frank L. Anderson with six representative workers from the foreign speaking peoples of Chicago, had charge of the service. It was instructive and inspiring. Friday night, with some 450 in attendance, Dr. Chas. E. Bradt of the Presbyterian Foreign Board, inspired the audience with thrilling accounts out of his own experiences. Dr. Schilling from South America aroused our interest in our great sister republics of the South.

On Sunday, the 19th, the Young People met at the Methodist church at seven for their union meeting and marched 300 strong to the Baptist Church at eight, singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," where we had the closing service. Dr. H. B. Dickson, Convention Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, gave the address. Over 750 persons were in the church and many listened through the windows.

A great spiritual blessing has come to our churches. Nearly 100 men were registered for the Laymen's Convention in Chicago, Oct. 14-17. The pastors are following the new interest in a strong conservation program.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER. 19, 1915

WOMAN'S MEETING

Meeting of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Illinois, in the Park Place Baptist Church, West Park street.

Mrs. W. P. Topping, President, presiding

Mrs. H. A. McKay, Organist.

Mrs. W. E. Francis, Leader of Music.

Program—Morning

9:15 Prayer and Praise Service, Mrs. Norman Carr, Aurora.

9:25 Wds of Welcome, Mrs. H. A. Higgins, Aurora.

9:30 Secretary's Report, Mrs. W. F. Heath, Chicago.

9:35 Treasurer's Report, Mrs. H. M. Tate, Evanston.

9:40 Appointing of Committees.

9:45 Open Parliament:

(a) "The Local Circle's Apportionment and Its Relation to Our State Budget," Mrs. J. Y. Aitchison, Oak Park.

(b) "Our State Day Program," Miss Gertrude Pease, Quincy

(c) Miscellaneous Programs, Mrs. J. R. Smith, Taylorville.

(d) Mission Study, "Our Study Books," Mrs. Benjamin Otto, Morgan Park.

(e) Missionary Education in the Sunday School—Mrs. N. J. Hilton, Lincoln.

10:40 Presentation of Literature.

Offertory.

Duet—Mrs. W. E. Francis and Mrs. C. E. Vaughn.

10:55 Message from the Central District, Mrs. J. W. Beggs, Vice-President, Chicago.

11:15 Address, "Voices from the Southland," Mrs. Franklin J. Miller, Hyde Park, Vice Chairman Board of Managers W. A. B. H. M. S.

11:35 President's Annual Message, Mrs. W. P. Topping, Elgin.

11:45 Intercession, "God's Work," Mrs. B. E. Allen, Neponset.

Afternoon

1:30 Prayer and Praise Service, Mrs. J. H. Pierce, Princeton.

1:40 Roll Call of Associations, one minute responses by Presidents of Associations.

1:55 The Year's Work, Mrs. Milton Shirk, Chicago, State Secretary W.A.B.H.M.S.

2:10 The Year's Work, Mrs. J. D. Louderback, Chicago, State Director W.A.B.H.M.S.

2:25 Resume Young Woman's Work, Miss Stelle Marshall, Peoria; Mrs. Harvey A. Bush, Chicago.

2:35 Union Social Work, Mrs. E. S. Rice, Aurora, President Aurora City Union.

2:45 Echoes of Service, Miss Isabella Crawford, The Indian's Friend.

2:55 Business—Reports of Committees and Election of Officers.

3:00 Offertory, Solo, Mrs. W.E.Francis, Aurora.

3:05 Address, Mrs. A. G. Lester, Chicago, President of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

3:30 Dramatization of "Thanksgiving Ann," arranged by Mrs. W. L. Goble, of Elgin.

Presented by the Misses Eleanor Goble, Catherine Davery, Lucile Pearsall; Masters Roland Harrison, Dudley Nish, Philip Dakin. Closing Hymn, "I Gave My Life for Thee."

5:00 Daughters' Banquet—Every woman invited. Methodist Church, on Galena Boulevard.

Mrs. E. S. Osgood, Austin, Toast-mistress,

Mrs. Laura Rise Mason, Soloist, Aurora.

"That Our Daughters May be as Cornerstones."

"Our Daughters Coming," Miss Gladys Topping, Elgin.

"Our Daughters Seeing," Miss Frances P. Greenough, Evanston.

"Our Daughters Conquering," Miss Alice Brimson, Chicago.

Wednesday morning, Conference Hour, Mrs. S. C. Fulmer, General Worker W.A.B. H.M. Society, Leader.

Thursday morning, Conference Hour, Dr. Etta R. Hilton, Austin, President Chicago Woman's Mission Union, Leader.

Time and place to be announced for conferences.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B.Y.P.U.



Director, W. B. Morris,
577 West Macon st., Decatur

The past month has been a busy one. I have traveled 3272 miles, visited sixteen churches, four Sunday schools and three Young People's Societies, besides devoting much time in preparation for the great Institute to be held in Chicago November 1-5 inclusive. All churches in or near Chicago are urged to avail themselves of this unusual opportunity to hear some of the best talent in our denomination.

Don't forget the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. session of our State Convention in Aurora Thursday afternoon, October 21st. As was announced last month, Rev. Floyd Adams of Hammond, will be there to speak for the young people. We have secured Miss Meme Brockway of Philadelphia, National Elementary Leader for the American Baptist Publication Society, who will give her famous lecture on "A Visitor from Mars." You can't afford to miss it.

I have visited a number of associations: Macoupin County, Bloomfield, Aurora, Salem, Morgan-Scott, Gilman, Bloomington, and Quincy. Generally speaking the attendance at all of the above was good and the interest manifested unusually fine. I spent a few hours with Pastor Stevens at Murphysboro, outlining the program for the Southern Illinois Association. The church will soon complete a fine modern parsonage. Bro. Stevens is held in high

esteem among his people. I spent one Sunday in Percy. This church is without a pastor, a good opportunity for half time for a wide-awake man. From there I went to Tamaroa and spoke for Pastor Blythe. This was his first Sunday as pastor. We had a house full.

By special request I went to Litchfield for a conference with the Sunday school workers, looking to an increase of efficiency. Through the tireless efforts of Pastor Otto the Church has secured a chapel for the housing of part of its school.

The last Sunday I divided between Rock Island and Moline. At the former place it was Rally Day. Seven made a public declaration of their decision to become Christians.

In the evening I attended the Moline B. Y. P. U. and found a goodly number present. I then preached at the regular evening service. This church is looking forward to the coming of their new pastor, Rev. Roy Babcock.

The Chicago Young People are beginning a vigorous campaign in preparation for the great B. Y. P. U. Convention next July. We know that all that can be done will be to make this a crowning event in the work for and by our Baptist Young People. The Committee of Forty-nine is fully awake to the largeness of the task as well as the opportunity.

STATE MISSIONARIES

Rev. J. M. Osborne, for four years pastor of Watertown and Silvis, received a call to become pastor at LaSalle, but his churches made such a strong and substantial protest, that he declined the call in order to remain where he has been doing such excellent work.

Our missionary church at Ridgewood, Joliet, Rev. J. H. Martin, pastor, during the past year has added a goodly number to its membership, and eliminated more. Much of the dead material has been cut off and the membership strengthened by cutting down its roll.

Rev. W. C. Monroe, after two and a half years' service at East Moline, closed his work October 1st, and has accepted a call to the church in Carroll, Iowa.

At Oglesby, street meetings have been held during the summer. Several persons are now awaiting baptism. The outlook is hopeful for the fall and winter.

Rev. H. C. Carnell has closed his work at Glasford and LaMarsh churches and accepted a call to a church in Wisconsin.

Rev. Herbert S. Morrill of Aurora aided Rev. H. L. Mounce in meetings at Pawnee. Twenty persons made a profession of faith, six of whom united with other churches. The local papers report large attendance and good interest.

The work at the State University started off very encouragingly after the summer vacation. On Saturday night, September 23rd, there were 120 at a reception and 125 present at the service Sunday morning, 94 present

in the Bible school and 75 in the B. Y. P. U. The architect is pushing forward the plans and specifications for the new building and the contract may be let this fall.

The Fairfield Church seems to be prospering. There have been eight additions within recent weeks, and the interest seems to be growing. Special meetings will begin October 24th. Rev. W. R. Crume is the missionary pastor.

A pastor-evangelist, with experience, has arrangements with his church whereby he can hold two or three meetings during the winter. For testimonials write G. H. Y., care of Bulletin."

 ERRATA

In the June issue we failed to place a star (*) to the credit of the First Church of Joliet. We are glad to make this correction; that church has made its full apportionment.

 PERSONALS

Rev. J. W. Patterson, who began preaching near his home in White Hall about eight or ten years ago, has been a very successful pastor in Nebraska for the past five or more years. Supt. Berry speaks well of his work in Nebraska. He has returned to Illinois and expects to take work in this state. His address at present is White Hall.

Rev. W. J. Eyles, pastor at Tampico is serving his second year as State Chaplain of the Sons of Veterans.

Rev. James F. Goodman, who closed his work as pastor at Rochelle some time ago, has accepted a call to one of the churches of Detroit, Michigan. Brother Goodman held two pastorates

in Illinois, at East St. Louis, and at Rochelle.

Rev. John G. Stanton, for several years pastor of the church at Buda, closed his work some time ago and is now located at Lewisburg, Pa.

Rev. Oliver Reed, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Quincy, will hold a meeting of two weeks in Missouri. He may find time for two or three meetings in Illinois during the year if they should open up. Brother Reed is one of our most successful pastors in evangelistic work.

CHURCHES

The work at Auburn is prospering under the pastoral care of Rev. A. H. Harnly, who lives on his farm about 6 miles from Auburn. He recently baptized a young man, a French Catholic, and others are interested. The church has taken a great step in advance in missionary offerings.

The Moweaqua Church has reduced its membership from an enrollment of 426 to 188. It has recently organized two new Sunday schools. Rev. Frank Woodhull is the pastor.

The Erie Church, Rev. J. Livingston Duff, pastor, organized a Sunday school at a destitute place in the country in a school house, but when school began, one of the trustees, who is a Roman Catholic, objected, and the school was given up, and yet there are only two or three Catholic families within three miles of the place. The work at Erie is moving along nicely.

The First Church of Danville recently showed its appreciation of its pastor, Dr. E. L. Krumreig, by increasing his salary. He has been on that field for two years, during which time the splendid new meeting house has been erected.

TEMPERANCE

During the past two years 1300 saloons have been banished from Illinois, and eighteen counties added to the dry territory. 1140 saloons were voted out after the women were permitted to vote on the saloon question, and 950 were closed as a result of women's votes. Eighty per cent of Illinois territory is now dry. Nineteen states in the Union now have state wide prohibition. These states are Maine, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, Colorado, N. Dakota, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Arizona. Ten of these states have been won to prohibition in twelve months; six other states will vote on the question in 1916.



**ILLINOIS BAPTIST MINISTERS'
QUARTETTE**

Dr. N. T. Hafer, Princeton; Rev. Samuel Hoekstra, Utica; Rev. Charles Wolfe, Petersburg; Rev. F. M. Dunk, Oglesby.

These brethren will sing at the meetings of the convention in Aurora.

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The Convention at Aurora



The great Convention has met, done its work, and passed into history. Every year, for several years past, the feeling has been that the meeting was better than any previous one. That feeling was strong at Aurora. In the small space we have in the Bulletin we cannot give more than an outline of the great meeting. It was on a very high grade from the beginning until the close. There was some misunderstanding on enrollment. The women had a separate enrollment book in their meeting, and doubtless many enrolled there who did not enroll at the church where the body of the Convention was held. There were about 400 women in their separate meeting. More than 700 registered at the church for entertainment. When we get these two lists and are enabled to eliminate all duplicate enrollments the list will probably show 900 persons enrolled, beside many who attended one or two sessions and did not register. Every session was well attended, and the interest well sustained. We do not have space to even mention the names of the many speakers, and call attention to the splendid addresses and sermons. President

Brimson presided with efficiency, and was re-elected for another year. The report of the Board showed that fifty-one persons had been employed by the Convention for all or a portion of the year, aside from the missionary force working in Chicago. The amount of money raised for the current work of the Convention was \$19,314.54, and \$27,726.88 was received during the year for all purposes.

The Board closed the year with all obligations met, all bills paid, with \$840.54 in the treasury, with which to begin work next year. This is not as large a surplus as we had last year, but we carried on a larger work last year than the year before.

The reports from the missionaries showed 931 baptisms and 838 added to the churches otherwise, a total of 1,789 added to the churches during the year. This was, perhaps, the best financial report, and the best in results accomplished, in the history of the Convention.

The First Baptist Church in Aurora, where the Convention was held, with its pastor, Dr. Marsh, did splendid service in taking care of the Convention.

The other three churches, with their pastors, also did their share nobly in the entertainment and in everything that had to do with making the Convention a success.

Dr. R. E. Pope of Minneapolis, who for twenty years has been Superintendent of Missions in Minnesota, was heard with much interest. Dean Shailer Mathews, President of the Northern Baptist Convention, and president of the Federated Churches of Christ in America, and Dr. Johnson of Boston, Mass., and Dr. Brooks of New York, and Miss Brockway of Philadelphia, with Pastor Adams of Indiana, were all heard with a great deal of interest.

Rev. E. K. Masterson of Normal, the press reporter, got large space in the local papers, and a pretty general report in the leading papers of the state.

The women's all day meeting crowded the Park Place Baptist church, and was a meeting of very great interest.

The introduction of all the missionaries present who are at work out on the field is always a feature of the Convention that the people enjoy. They like to see and hear the men who are working in these difficult places. The report of the great work at Hopkins Park, related by Rev. J. B. Little, the young man working that field, was heard with great interest, and about \$500 was pledged to aid in erecting the meeting house at that place.

The Illinois Baptist Ministers' Quartet was quite a feature of the Convention, and was always ready for service. Rev. Samuel Hoekstra of Utica led the congregational singing very efficiently.

The devotional meetings conducted by Dr. W. P. Behan, president of the Women's Training School, were largely attended and very interesting.

The overflow meeting conducted by Dr. Johnston Myers at the Methodist Church, was a meeting of much interest.

This year closed seventeen years of service on the part of Rev. E. P. Brand as superintendent. He was unanimously elected by the Board for another three year term. At the close of the Wednesday night session President Brimson called the superintendent to the platform, and in a few well chosen words, congratulated him on the close of seventeen years of service as superintendent, and on his re-election to the same position, and presented him with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, upon which the entire Convention arose and expressed its appreciation. The superintendent was taken completely by surprise, but responded in a brief address, giving the credit for any measure of success he may have had to the helpfulness of his wife in the work, and to the loyal support of the Convention and its Board.

The general banquet, held at one of the Methodist churches, was a striking feature of the Convention. The five addresses were of a very high order.

The Five Year Program was given a very prominent place in the Convention, and made a deep impression on the minds of the people.

The house was crowded to its full capacity on the last night of the Convention, and the meetings closed with a feeling that the State Convention is growing in efficiency and power, and that the outlook for the future of the Baptists of Illinois was never more hopeful than now.

The Convention adjourned to meet with the Upper Alton Church in 1916

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**AFTERTHOUGHTS OF THE
CONVENTION**

AURORA, as a city, with its beautiful river, and its hospitable people, made a favorable impression upon the people who had not visited Aurora before. The devotional meetings were never so well attended at any former meeting of the Convention.

SOME discussions were spirited, and there were some differences of opinion, but all in the most brotherly and Christian spirit, and if there was a division, all were willing to submit to the majority. On the general policy of the Convention and its Board there was unanimity; no division. The brethren were of different opinions on some resolutions and recommendations.

THE feeling seemed to be general in the Convention that Shurtleff College should be solidly backed by the denomination in Illinois, and the work of adequately endowing and equipping the institution pushed to completion.

THE Summer Assembly was enthusiastically endorsed, and some money raised toward financing the work.

GLENN SHULER of Ottawa was elected president of the B.Y.P.U.,

and Miss Allie G. Davis of Benton was elected general Secretary.

THE representation from the extreme Southern portion of the state was quite encouraging.

PASTORAL CHANGES

The Rozetta Church recently called as its pastor, Rev. G. W. Wright of Blandinsville. Rozetta is one of the strongest country churches in the state. Brother Wright will begin work December 1st.

Rev. Wm. Coleman recently closed his work as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Frankfort Heights. During his pastorate he added thirty-four to the membership of the church. The church expressed a feeling of loss when he closed his work, and speaks highly of him as a Christian man and a minister.

Rev. G. P. Mitchell was called from Olney Church to the pastorate of the Flora Church last June. The work there is improving very much. The Junior B.Y.P.U. has an average attendance of over thirty. The church has made an every member canvass for missions and had paid some debts and made some repairs on the building.

Rev. T. B. Frary, who had been pastor of a church in St. Louis for six years, has located as pastor of the First Church of Benton. Bro. Frary is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute and of Shurtleff College. He will have a fine field at Benton.

Rev. G. W. Kimball became pastor of the Cornell Church September 1st. Beside the work of the church, he is taking some studies in the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago.

THE FREE BAPTISTS AGAIN

Is it proper to write or speak of the Free Baptists or Free Will Baptists any more? Only a very few of them exist in the South, and in every northern state, except Maine, nearly all of them have voluntarily become Baptists. In the state of Maine, where there were more Free Baptists than Baptists, the two bodies in coming together took the name "United Baptists." The Societies of the Northern Baptist Convention have taken over the mission work, publication work, and educational work of the Free Baptists. This writer was present in October of this year at the Minnesota Baptist State Convention when the final action was taken in the State Convention of receiving the Free Baptists. They turned over all their missionary and property interests to the Convention, and the Free Baptist churches were expected to have liberty to carry on their local work and all affairs of their local church in their own way.

In Illinois there were but few Free Baptists in Northern and Central Illinois, but there were about 5,000 in Southern Illinois. In the Northern half of the state their churches have been uniting with the Baptist associations. In Southern Illinois, the movement on the part of the Free Baptist churches to come into the great Baptist brotherhood of the North has been within the last two years. At two annual sessions of their yearly meeting the following statement of Baptist doctrines was given them, viz:

"A belief in:

1. The Bible as the inspired Word of God, and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.

2. The Deity of Jesus Christ and the Personality and direct operation of the Holy Spirit.

3. Liberty of conscience in all matters of religion and entire separation of church and state.

4. A regenerated church membership.

6. Immersion in water as the only form of Christian baptism.

7. Independency and self government of the local church."

It was stated that anyone who accepted these seven statements was a Baptist and could not be anything else. Any who rejected any one of them could not be regarded as a Baptist in the fullest sense. The Free Baptists of Southern Illinois in their annual meetings gave assent to these without a dissenting voice. It was stated that there are many things in which Baptists in different parts of the world differ, but those who are agreed on these fundamentals ought not to break fellowship, but should be in one Baptist fold. It was because of agreement on these Baptist fundamentals that the Free Baptist churches came into the Southern Illinois Baptist Association. Some Baptists, and some Free Baptists differ on some of the qualifications for the Lord's Supper. Then some differ on the doctrines of grace, especially on the one point of perseverance. But Baptists differ widely on the doctrine of the second coming; that, however, does not cause them to break fellowship. Baptists differ widely on what constitutes valid immersion; but the extreme Landmarker does not break fellowship with the Baptist who differs from him on that point. One church in an association will reject all "alien immer-

sion," and another church will receive persons who have been immersed by pedo-baptists, and it does not break fellowship. And so in our fellowship with Free Baptists, we do not agree on everything, but we do on the Baptist fundamentals.

The First Churches in Mt. Vernon, in Benton, in Cairo, and in Murphysboro, are just exactly the same kind of Baptists in faith and practice now that they were five years ago, or ten years ago; they do not have to change in order to fellowship these people who are in all essential matters true and sound Baptists. What were the thousands of Free Baptists in Southern Illinois to do? Their denomination had united with the Baptists. Should we take such an attitude as to drive them to other denominations? Most of the Baptist associations in Southern Illinois would not receive their churches. Most of the Baptist churches in that section would not receive them without their making a travesty of baptism by submitting to re-immersion, and they had too clear a conception of scriptural baptism to do that. So the matter was happily solved by the Southern Illinois Baptist Association giving them a hearty welcome into its fellowship, and in doing this, that little new association was in hearty accord with the entire denomination in thirty-three Northern states, constituting the Northern Baptist Convention; and the Free Baptists in accepting this fellowship were in hearty accord with their denomination in the entire country.

A SPECIAL APPEAL

The greatest task the Baptists of the North, or of any country, ever set be-

fore themselves is the "Five Year Program." Illinois Baptists must take a large part in this onward movement. The first thing in this program is Evangelism—the winning of 1,000,000 souls to Christ. The Home Mission Society has formulated a large scheme of evangelism. Among other things, it proposes to aid the State Conventions to support special evangelists, one to every 50,000 Baptists. Where it requires two or three states combined to make 50,000 Baptists, there will be one evangelist for a group of states, but according to this plan, we can have at least two evangelists for Illinois.

But how can the State Convention join the Home Mission Society in the support of these men? Last year we had \$2500 surplus in the treasury; this year we have \$800. We have already appropriated about as much money as we received for current work last year. Our people have not been giving largely for State Convention work—not as largely as they give for other things. Last year our churches and individuals in Illinois gave about four times as much for Foreign Missions as they gave for State Convention work. We have kept out of debt on a small income and have not asked for specialties nor for deficits to be made up for State Missions. But now we must make an appeal. If we do anything on the Five Year Program, we must start right and lay great stress upon evangelism.

To do this in Illinois we must have a \$2500 special fund. Our State Convention Board authorized the superintendent to raise that much for this work; and so we make this appeal. We want it in \$100, \$50 and \$25 pledges.

Men and women of Illinois, who are blessed with means, we appeal to you to take one of these pledges to be paid when called upon within a year from the time the pledge is made. Europe is sacrificing men by the millions, and its treasure by the billions in war. Can not our American Christians give a few hundreds with which to save and bless humanity? We confidently expect this appeal to be received with a hearty and generous response.

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

The State Convention at Aurora gave considerable attention this year to the question of non-resident membership. The committee of which Dr. G. M. Shott of Urbana has been chairman for several years has given much attention to this question. Rev. J. W. Merrill, clerk of the Chicago Association, has given much time for two years in working out this problem, of saving the non-resident Baptists.

The plan is for a *non-resident membership exchange*.

"Send all names of your non-resident members direct to the other pastor that he may help you care for them. The Illinois Annual and the American Baptist Year Book will help you to find the name and address of the pastor. If there is doubt, send the name to Rev. J. W. Merrill, 9026 Houston ave., Chicago, for Chicago and vicinity, or to Dr. E. P. Brand, Normal, for all other sections in and out of the state. They will see that the matter receives the attention of the proper pastor. Send to the office at Normal for notification post cards, which the Convention furnishes free. Let us get the habit of notifying the other pastor as soon as

a member moves on the new field. By this means non-resident membership can largely be conserved to the Master's Kingdom."

DEATHS

Rev. C. L. Hamilton, pastor of the Loda Church, died Friday, October 22d. He seemed to be in good health. He and his wife had just returned from spending the day visiting one of the church members. He was buried at Geneseo Sunday, October 24th. Brother Hamilton had been pastor at Raritan, Pittsfield, Edinburg, Tremont, Sycamore, Indianola, Mansfield and Loda. He leaves no family except his devoted wife.

Rev. J. B. Brown, who was pastor and state missionary in Central Illinois for more than thirty years, died at Red Beach, Maine, October 9th, after very severe suffering with cancer of the stomach.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Not long since Watertown was taken into the East Moline corporation. The two sections are rapidly growing together. There does not seem at the present time a special need for two Baptist churches in the city of East Moline. So it seems wise to combine our East Moline and Watertown churches into one organization, select a central location, and build up one strong church. Rev. J. M. Osborne, who has been our missionary at Watertown for about six years, is given charge of the entire field of Watertown, Silvis, and East Moline; the three points are practically one city.

Rev. A. N. Sharpes reports the work at Riverside, Decatur, in better condi-

tion and more hopeful than it has been for a number of years. There is a great field there if it can be properly supported and worked.

Missionary Hafer is at this writing holding a meeting at Danvers. The interest seems good. This church has been pastorless for about two years. They have put their meeting house in splendid repair and we hope that a pastor will be located soon.

Rev. W. R. Johnson closed a meeting at Literberry, in Morgan-Scott County association, and is now conducting a meeting in Mattoon.

Rev. V. Colbert has been holding tent meetings in East St. Louis, resulting in the organization of a church, with a membership of fifteen, and thirteen awaiting baptism at this time. Two good lots have been secured for a church building.

Rev. H. F. Jones, returned to his old field in the Peoria Association, the Pleasant Grove Church, last May, and with one Sunday a month and some week day work, is bringing that country field up rapidly.

PERSONALS

Supt. Fred Berry of Nebraska, writes, "I want to congratulate you on being able to secure one of our best men, Brother Fowle, who has been called to Galesburg."

Rev. W. C. Monroe, who closed his work in East Moline October 1st, and located in Carroll, Iowa. was married Nov. 4th, to Mabel Hanaford, at Norwood Park, Ill.

Rev. J. G. Little has been pastor of the Havana Church for about three years. He has done splendid work and the church gave expression of its

appreciation at its meeting of October 13th by increasing his salary \$250. If some other churches would do likewise there would be longer pastorates.

Rev. H. F. Holbrook, whose post-office is Plymouth, Ill., is available, and will assist in evangelistic meetings, either union meetings or with single churches.

A pleasant social event occurred at Cordova, October 4th, when a company of about 100 people gathered at the church parlors to celebrate the fifteenth wedding anniversary of Rev. W. L. Hostetter and wife. Their friends presented them with a well-filled purse.

The Jacksonville Church has given a substantial increase in the salary of its pastor, Rev. Percy W. Stephens.

ORDINATIONS

A council was called by the newly organized church at Warsaw to consider the matter of ordaining its pastor, Mr. G. E. Mayfield. The Blandinsville, Bushnell, Carthage, Elvaston, Raritan and Sciota churches were represented. Rev. J. W. Megan of Bushnell was elected moderator, and Rev. J. M. Jones of Carthage, clerk. Upon the recommendation of the council Mr. Mayfield was ordained. The sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. Wright of Blandinsville.

A council was called October 8th, to Hopkins Park, near Momence, for the double purpose of recognizing the newly organized Baptist church at that place and to examine the pastor, Rev. J. B. Little, with a view to his ordination. The council consisted of seven ministers and thirteen laymen. The church was recognized and the pastor

ordained. Brother Little was heard with interest on two occasions at the State Convention, and about \$500 was subscribed toward building a meeting house at Hopkins Park.

A Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. institute was held at the Second Baptist church in Chicago November 1-5, under the auspices of the Executive Council, the Chicago B. Y. P. U., the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union and the Publication Society. Some of the speakers and teachers were Dr. W. E. Chalmers of Philadelphia, Miss Meme Brockway of Philadelphia, Rev. Sheldon L. Roberts of Indiana, Dr. A. A. Holtz of Wisconsin, Dr. James A. White, General Secretary of B.Y.P.U. A., Prof. W. F. Rafferty of Kansas City, Kan., Dr. W. J. Sly of Colorado, Dr. W. S. Abernethy of Kansas City, Mo., Dr. J. H. Franklin of Boston, Mass., besides much noted talent in and near Chicago. Rev. W. B. Morris had much to do in managing the institute. It was a great meeting and largely attended.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING OCTOBER

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a star (*).

Amboy Church	\$ 17.00
Auburn Church	7.00
Aurora, Park Place Ch., Rev. E. W. Lounsbury, on Hopkins Park Church Fund	25.00
Ashland Ch., F. C. Wallbaum, on Hopkins Park Church Fund.....	25.00
Barrow Church	4.45
Berwyn Church	35.00
Bethel Ch., Rev. A. Carnell, on Hopkins Park Church Fund.....	5.00
Bois d'Arc Church	5.00
Bunker Hill Ch., C. E. Drew, on Hopkins Park Church Fund.....	10.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	47.85

Chicago, Albany Park Church.....	10.00
Chicago, Belden Avenue Church.....	100.00
*Chicago, Calvary Church	14.14
Chicago, Calvary Sunday School....	3.86
Chicago, First Church	13.22
Chicago, Hyde Park Ch., Mrs. A. M. Post, on Hopkins Pk. Ch. Fund	10.00
Chicago, Rogers Park Church.....	20.00
Chicago, Western ave., Church.....	14.42
Chicago, Woodlawn Church	37.35
Chillicothe Church, E. L. Hammond	1.50
Collection at Convention	27.87
Collection at Convention for Negro Church at Ottawa	27.14
Collection at Convention for Pastoral Union	19.03
*Collinsville Church	16.00
Damascus Church	3.50
Decatur, Riverside Church.....	6.00
Evanston, First Church	16.67
Fairfield Church	15.00
Farmington Church	14.36
Freeport Church	45.00
Grape Creek Ch., on salary of C. L. Flanders	4.25
Greenville Church	35.00
Home Mission Society	75.00
*Hudson Church	47.00
*Hutsonville, First Church.....	3.70
Interest	100.00
Jacksonville Church	18.00
Kane Church	26.00
Kane Sunday School, D. of I. Class	1.00
Kankakee Church	10.00
Lady, A., on Hopkins Park Ch. Fund	5.00
LaMarsh Church	1.00
Luman, Mrs. R., on Hopkins Park Church Fund	5.00
Morgan Park Ch., H. R. Clissold....	10.00
Mt. Vernon First Church.....	50.00
Northern Baptist Convention	75.00
Oak Park Church	34.55
Orion Ch., L. C. Warner, on Hopkins Park Church Fund	10.00
Paris Church	10.50
Rochelle Church	15.68
Rock Island Association Missionary Committee	8.33
Rockford, State Street Church.....	22.00
Sadorus Church	5.00
Steuben Church	6.00
Stillman Valley Sunday School....	5.00
Sale of Annuals and Letter Blanks, Supply	10.56
St. Charles Meeting House, rent....	7.00
Tonica Meeting House, rent.....	39.32
Tonica Parsonage Rent.....	10.00
Tremont Ch., Rev. L. E. Riley, on Hopkins Park Church Fund....	5.00
Urbana, Herald of Hope Church.....	2.25
Wasco Church	4.00
*Watertown Church	8.00
Winchester Church	13.00
Total	\$1332.50

THE MARLEY CHURCH

In the October number we called attention to the unanimous action of the Aurora Association in rejecting the letter and messengers of the Marley Church on the ground that it had adopted and carried on the practice of the broadest kind of open membership; receiving persons into its fellowship on sprinkling, or infant baptism, together with other unbaptistic practices. The pastor, Rev. O. T. Anderson, insisted in bringing the matter into the association for discussion, and it was discussed all forenoon until 11:30 a.m. before the vote was taken. Since then the pastor has issued a bulletin, and mailed it to different parties, in which he makes severe charges against the Aurora Association for its action and seems to be greatly grieved for the way in which the association treated him and his church. It was our intention to make no further mention of this, but inasmuch as the Marley church is keeping the matter before the people we feel justified in taking notice of it.

Mr. Anderson has, it seems to us, made three serious mistakes:

1. In leading that Baptist church into practices that turned it into a pedit-baptist church.

2. In trying to force its unbaptistic position into the Aurora Association; and of trying to put into the membership of the association persons who rejected scriptural baptism.

3. In publishing and circulating literature condemning the Aurora Association for the noble stand it took for the Baptist positions.

He sent one of the bulletins, or church papers, to W. G. Brimson, president of the State Convention, and for-

mer vice president of the Northern Baptist Convention. Mr. Brimson's reply is so clear and sensible that, coming as it does from a prominent layman—I have asked Mr. Brimson's consent to print his letter, which is as follows:

Chicago, October 23d, 1915.

Rev. O. T. Anderson,
Marley, Illinois.

My Dear Brother:—This is by no means a reply to your "Story in Brief," but merely an acknowledgment of its receipt as an act of courtesy.

May I say, however, that while your church may have a field in your community, just as any other truly moral agency, church or what not, may have, it is not a Baptist church, should have no voice nor standing in a Baptist Association, and the association was certainly right when it took action as it did, and declined to recognize it as such; I am surprised that any Baptist should think otherwise. There are certain customs and conditions in our churches which are man made, and the generations, as they pass, may change them as seems best to suit the changed situation, there are others which God himself prescribed, which Christ recognized and submitted to, these, no man nor set of men may change nor have we the authority to decide for ourselves that something else is "just as good," a counterfeit coin may look even better than a genuine one, but it is worthless. If you do indeed "follow the Divine leadership" as a church, both pastor and people will not only "consider immersion" but be happy in following our Lord into the waters, and be conscious of a full obedience, in that respect at least, then will the communion take on a new significance. May God

lead you in very deed, that you may not be willing to "level down" to those who strive to evade His commands, but holding up the Standard high, seek to bring up to that higher level men who are made in His image.

Your brother in Christ,

W. G. BRIMSON.

REPORT

When the report of the Board was read by the superintendent and discussed in the full meeting of the Board, it was felt that it was a document of so much interest and contained so much information that the denomination as a whole should have the benefit of this information, so the Board ordered the superintendent to have 10,000 copies printed and that 5,000 of them should be sent out as a supplement to the Bulletin. So the readers of the Bulletin will have the privilege of reading the full report of our Board of Missions as it was read at the Convention and adopted by that body. We hope that each reader of the Bulletin will read this document carefully and preserve it for future reference during the year. Much valuable information can be found in this report that will be helpful in conducting missionary meetings.

CHURCHES

A successful meeting has been held at Alsey, conducted by Evangelist L. C. Bauer of White Hall. The church clerk speaks well of the evangelist as a "strong and convincing speaker."

Mr. William Ashman of Joliet led the singing in a week of special meet-

ings at Wilton Center Church. The pastor, Rev. C. A. Marshall, speaks well of his work as singing leader in evangelistic meetings.

On October 24th, Pastor Lockert baptized eleven at Deer Park and received one by letter. This is the direct result of meetings held a few weeks ago by our state missionary, Rev. N. T. Hafer, assisting the pastor at Deer Park.

For the first time in the history of the city. Jacksonville is having a popular Mission Study campaign. It is held in the First Baptist Church Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:00, and will last six weeks, commencing October 27th, with graduation exercises December 8th. Over 235 members of the church and Sunday school are enrolled as students. Rev. Percy W. Stephens is president. There are fourteen classes. About forty blind girls are included in the enrollment.

Rev. O. C. Kirkham, pastor at Tiskilwa, recently baptized six persons, all adults. They are strong additions to the church. Brother Kirkham has been for twelve years pastor at Tiskilwa. He has been fifty-six years in the ministry, and was married fifty-five years ago. He did not "cross the dead line" at the age of fifty.

The Carrollton Church has been making some improvements on its property, a steam heating plant and improvements in the basement. Dr. Mundell and his church have been engaged with other pastors and churches in union meetings. We have not yet learned the results.

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Maywood, Illinois

MRS. A. W. RUNYON

Editor and Field Secretary

5742 Maryland Ave., Chicago

Several of our members have been away visiting during the summer, but one by one they are coming home. The Woman's Board of Managers met at the Home for the October meeting and found things in splendid shape. Of course there are many things that would not only add to the comfort of the Home, but also lessen the running expenses. So in your Thanksgiving offerings remember the Old People's Home. Here are some of the ways to do it.

Furnish an electric washer for the laundry, storm windows for the north side of the building, or a cash contribution toward securing the \$5,000 conditional gift to the Endowment Fund or for current expenses.

By all means send a cash contribution if possible; if it is not, then send boxes or barrels of fruit, provisions, eggs, etc. before the freezing weather makes it impossible. Also send articles for the annual bazaar which is held early in November at the Auditorium hotel for the benefit of the current expense.

"Thanksgiving Day is Home Day"—as we thank God for our own homes and dear ones, let us not forget our Baptist Old People's Home and the old people there who daily thank the Good Father for those who make this home possible.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS

Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.

Mr. Asa S. Chapman, chairman of the Hudelson Baptist Orphanage committee of the Bloomfield Association, is organizing his committee for the Fall and Winter campaign in behalf of the orphanage. Miss Nellie Hubbard and Mrs. Passage are the other members. Both Mr. Chapman and Miss Hubbard have visited the institution and Mrs. Passage has promised to do so early this month.

The Christmas and Thanksgiving seasons have always been marked by a largely increased income for the orphanage both in cash and produce. Already we are feeling the impulses of these approaching seasons, and we are hopeful that this year may set a new pace for the giving to this work. We would like to close the year with all bills paid, and we would also like to be able to add new features of comfort for our children.

Fifty-three delegates and visitors from the Alton Association, which met at Centralia, made a 5:55 a. m. train in order to eat breakfast at the orphanage and inspect the plant. While we expected to donate their breakfasts, they left a liberal cash donation. At least some of them made some telling reports to their churches, for Dr. Twing has already sent us two checks, one for \$100.00 and the other for \$51.00, some brother having handed him the former and a sister the latter, except the \$1.00. Some other churches have reported some cash and plans for our help, because of the favorable reports by these visitors.

Foreign and Home Mission Societies

REV. J. Y. AITCHISON, D.D., Joint District Secretary

19 South LaSalle St., Chicago

J. Y. Aitchison, Editor

"Harder! Harder" are the words most frequently used by one of the famous athletic trainers of this country. He reminds his men again and again that they have reserve power and unreleased energies which they might put into their work if they would.

The challenge of our Five Year Program calls upon us all to throw ourselves, heart and soul, into the work of the kingdom. A striking illustration of what is being done in some churches is set forth in a letter just received from Rev. J. S. Ebersole, pastor of the North Shore Church, Chicago. His church conducted an Every Member Canvass October 24th. Mr. Ebersole states that the tabulated results will be sent shortly, but goes on to say:

"The Sunday evening meeting, October 24th, was the largest in months. Twenty minutes were spent in reports of canvassers. They were all aglow with enthusiasm. One wants a fellowship canvass every two months. Another wants a personal work and new members canvass at once. Something like a dozen members who have not been out for a long time were present. Some eight or ten persons were secured for our adult Bible classes. Old sores were healed and pledges secured from persons who said at first they would make no pledges. Thirty-six persons made the canvass."

Never before have our churches had a better incentive for conducting a successful Every Member Canvass, and surely we have never had a better talking point for the fellowship canvass and the relation of the local church to the great work of the denomination as set forth in the Five Year Program. By making prayerful preparation for same and by carefully training workers, our churches can add materially to their membership through the evangelistic canvass methods. The names of all members of families in the church and congregation who are not members of the church may be made and distributed among individuals that they may be placed upon prayer lists. The whole community should understand that at a given time each one of these people will be approached definitely concerning the matter of his or her relation to Christ and to the church.

The best results seem to have come from setting aside a definite period of ten days in which the evangelistic canvass would be conducted. Announcement to this effect should be made, however, at least a month before the canvass is made. Churches have added large accessions to their memberships as a result of these methods. One church added ninety eight members and another one hundred thirteen members after a ten-day evangelistic canvass.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

The annual meeting of the Woman's State Missionary Society held in Aurora October 19, was attended by 500 women and was full of interest. The short conferences held early each morning were also very helpful. At one of these Mrs. A. K. Sargent of Chicago, read a paper telling what was being done in the church she attended to increase interest and contributions. From these suggestions the Board has evolved a "co-operation plan" which it thinks may be helpful to many societies and hopes it will be tried. Believing that every woman has a place to fill in Christian work and that each needs the help of the other, organize a co-operative department in the Woman's Society with a committee consisting of a chairman and associate.

This committee should go over the list of church members noting the women who, on account of health, home duties, or other reasons do not attend the regular meetings of the society. Divide these names into small groups according to their residential location. Place each group under charge of some one called a "visitor," who will be responsible for the work involved. Know that personal interest will create interest the visitor makes a friendly call upon each woman in her group, speaking of the Woman's Society and inviting her to attend. If this seems impossible, introduce the thought that she may be in closer touch with the society by reading missionary litera-

ture which she, the "visitor," will bring to her each month. She also suggests that she sign a card which makes her a member of the Co-operative Department. The "visitor" leaves some literature, also the yearly program of the society, and promises to call soon after the next meeting and give a report. She does this and leaves more literature, taking away any which was left before that may be good for further use. The visitor reports back to the committee, who shall be responsible for providing literature and the working out of details necessary to keep the plan in operation.

Can you not see the possibilities of such a department? The "running in" to see these sisters every month, becoming friendly, talking over the church work, telling of local activities, the Orphanage, Old People's Home, Home for Missionaries' Children, Mission Study Classes, etc. Will not the "shut-ins," the aged, the young mother, the uninterested one, become interested and appreciate that God's work needs her, and will give financial support?

To introduce this co-operative feature, our Woman's National Societies have each consented to send a package of free literature to any circle applying for the same, and stating how many women are to be visited. Send to W. B. F. M. S., 450 East 30th st., Chicago; W. A. B. H. M. S., 2969 Vernon ave., Chicago.

Baptist Young People's Union of Illinois

Secretary
JOHN RUTHVEN,
Morgan Park



Treasurer
SILAS ECHOLS,
Mt. Vernon

President and Editor, Albert D. Henderson, 910 E. 62nd St., Chicago.

ABBREVIATED REPORT OF B.Y.P.U. OF ILLINOIS FOR THE YEAR 1914-1915

A "Work Campaign," based on the Standard of Excellence, was inaugurated December 1, 1914, to run through April 26, 1915. As an incentive to entry and effort a round-trip ticket to the 22d International Convention, Oakland, Calif., was offered to the union attaining the highest percentage. The unions entered numbered fifty-two, representing a membership of 2258. Seven unions—Arcola, Mt. Vernon, Oglesby, Roodhouse, Woodlawn-Chicago, Normal, and Princeton, became "Standard." Arcola union, having excelled in both the percentage of increase in membership and the percentage of Daily Bible Readers, was declared winner.

President Henderson represented the State Union at the Oakland convention. Illinois had representation by seventy-five delegates, winning for the fifth consecutive time the International Prize Banner, for the highest mileage. California alone, and she by one only, excelled Illinois in the number of "Standard" unions reported to the B. Y. P. U. of A. Illinois claims distinction in the International President, Rev. F. L. Anderson, and the International Treasurer, Mr. A. D. Henderson, both of Chicago. Chicago will be host to the 23rd International Con-

vention, July 6-9, 1916, marking the 25th organization anniversary of the B. Y. P. U. of A.

Miss Davis reports collections of \$346.66, \$161.11 being contributed by the Chicago Association. President Henderson has made a number of addresses in behalf of the State work and has arranged for Chicago talent to represent the State Union at associational meetings, etc. Among the latter, to whom we are indebted, have been Rev. Floyd H. Adams, Rev. Norman B. Henderson, Rev. C. G. Morse and Mr. John Ruthven, who have willingly given their services.

Your Vice-Presidents have given able assistance to the General Secretary. Rev. A. C. Hodgson acted as General Manager of the Illinois Baptist Summer Assembly, at which the State Union paid the expenses of two speakers, and pledged \$10.00 to next summer's meeting.

Treasurer Pierce reports total receipts of \$422.90; disbursements of \$315.37, and a balance of \$107.53. Of the disbursements, \$67.32 was contributed to the International Union.

An appeal for a "furnishing fund" in behalf of the University Baptist church, Champaign-Urbana, has resulted in total collections to date of \$183.00.

GLENN SHULER,
General Secretary.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS****Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.****Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

Dear Sirs:—I am deeply grieved at the publicity recently given our children's home. This is more so; because of my personal affiliation with that institution. I have been closely connected with the home for the last three years and feel as one of the medical attendants, I am in a position to express an opinion regarding its management and the care given its inmates. I am personally acquainted with all of its attendants and can positively state that I do not think that any one of them could be induced to act in a brutal or indelicate way toward any of the children, regardless of the provocation offered.

The management has been especially aggressive regarding the maintenance of healthy conditions at the Institution. They clothe the children warm and well; they feed the children properly and sufficiently. They allow them plenty of time for play and recreation, and do not pester them with unwarranted restrictions and hindrances while at play. They have the best equipped play grounds in the village of Maywood.

I have mingled with the children day after day and have never heard a complaint of mal-treatment. I have physically examined most of them and have never had occasion to question

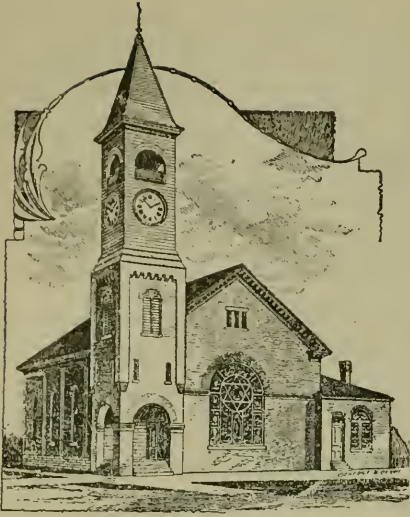
them regarding any marks or bruises found upon them. Have had as many as five or six of them at my office at one time and never heard anything compromising in any form whatsoever.

I do not think that it is fair for an outsider to come into an Institution of this kind and offer a few direct and pointed questions, and assume to offer judgment as to its management. There are many things to be considered in the care and handling of children, conditions which cannot be judged and dealt with on the impulse of the moment.

Children must be studied and understood. They must be treated differently and individually. Their nature and psychology must be determined and thoroughly understood before they can be competently trained and managed. It is no small task to care for 60 children such as are in the institution. It is my opinion that the report which has gained publicity is entirely upon misconstrued and misunderstood data and not upon facts as they are and were. It is also my opinion that the Home has been efficiently and as well managed as circumstances would permit and I herewith recommend the institution and indorse its management to anybody seeking for a good home for children, who are unfortunately dependent upon the care of others than their own parents for their guidance and protection.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR B. STURM, M.D.



First Baptist Church of Petersburg

RE-DEDICATION

The Baptist church at Petersburg was re-dedicated Sunday, October 31. This building was formerly the Cumberland Presbyterian house of worship. The Baptists purchased it and expended \$2700 in repairs. It is now one of the best equipped meeting houses in the city. There was \$1250 to be raised on dedication day. This would not be much for a rich congregation, but it was a large sum for the Petersburg Church, and but little help came from people outside the Baptists. Some Baptists from other churches helped. We had good congregations morning, afternoon and night, and finally secured the whole amount. It was a good day. The Baptists in Petersburg are in the best condition in the history of the church. Rev. Charles W. Wolfe is the pastor, and supplies two nearby country churches. He and his helpful wife seem to be greatly appreciated. The editor of the Bulletin

preached twice and had charge of raising the money. We are glad to put a cut of the church in the Bulletin.

UNUSED CROPS AND HUNGRY PEOPLE

One year ago last summer Dr. Johnston Myers attended a County Sunday School Convention in Michigan. He saw thousands of bushels of apples going to waste. He proposed that if the farmers would haul the unused fruit to the railroad he would pay the freight to Chicago and distribute it among the poor. As a result more than 10,000 baskets of fruit were given out with a large card inclosed on which was printed,

"A GIFT FOR YOU

'And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto Me.' Matthew 25:40.

Given by The Berrien Co., Mich., Sunday School Association, in the name of Jesus Christ."

This fall, already two car loads have been shipped in, and Dr. Myers is expecting a train of cars loaded with fruit and vegetables soon. While he is not now preaching for Immanuel Church, he is looking after the social service work.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE BULLETIN

"I have just received the Bulletin and read it with interest. I wish to congratulate you on your editorial on Communion, which I consider an intelligent statement of New Testament teaching of this much mooted question."—*Nokomis*.

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BAPTIST GREAT MEN



We sometimes wonder if the Baptists have produced a fair share of the great men of the world. We are glad to say that none of the crowned heads of Europe are, or ever were Baptists. They are all Catholics (Roman or Greek), Lutherans, or Episcopalians.

Concerning the religion of presidents of the United States, Mr. Wilson is a Presbyterian; Mr. Taft was of Baptist parentage, but is now a Unitarian; Roosevelt belongs to the Dutch Reformed Church; McKinley was a Methodist; Cleveland was not a church member but supported the Presbyterians; Benjamin Harrison was a Presbyterian, Garfield a Disciple; Hayes a Methodist; Grant was not a church member; Lincoln was not a church member, but was of Baptist stock; the man whom the Republicans would doubtless nominate for the next President, if he would accept it, and would possibly be elected, is a Baptist—Charles E. Hughes, of the United States Supreme Court.

But Baptists stand in the front ranks in their production of great preachers, and authors and business men and statesmen. The greatest pastor perhaps since the days of the Apostles, was Charles Haddon Spurgeon of the Baptist Tabernacle in London, Eng-

land; and the greatest preacher of the past century was Alexander McLauren, the great Baptist preacher of Manchester, England. I heard the president of one of the colleges of Cambridge University of England, say in a public address, that the two greatest men of the century in which they lived were John Bunyan, who wrote "Pilgrim's Progress," and John Milton, who wrote "Paradise Lost"; those men were both Baptists. The first man to carry the gospel to India from England was William Carey, a Baptist, who proved to be one of the great men of the nation. The greatest statesman in the British Empire today is David Lloyd George, a Welsh Baptist.

The man who was the first to establish a commonwealth in which there was full religious freedom, was Roger Williams, a Baptist. The first missionary to go from America to the heathen world was Adoniram Judson, a Baptist. The man who wrote the national hymn, America, was Rev. Samuel F. Smith, a Baptist minister.

The greatest newspaper man of the last generation was Samuel S. Ford, a Baptist layman of Boston, owner and publisher of the "Youth's Companion." The greatest miller of the world was

Geo. H. Pillsbury of Minneapolis, a Baptist layman. The man who was the greatest manufacturer of musical instruments was Deacon Estey, a Baptist of New England. The most famous soap manufacturer was Deacon Colgate, a Baptist man of New York.

The richest man in the world, and the one who has given most for Christian education, Christian charity, and Christian missions, is John D. Rockefeller, a Baptist.

Two of the sweetest singers in "Israel," of the past generation were P. P. Bliss of Philadelphia, and W. H. Doane, still living in Cincinnati, both Baptists.

The greatest prohibition worker in public life today is Congressman Hobson, a Baptist deacon from the South.

The man who is now president of the Federated Churches of Christ, sixteen denominations, is a Baptist—Dean Shailer Mathews.

The greatest negro man and educator who ever lived, and one of the greatest citizens of the United States, was Booker T. Washington, who recently died. He was a negro Baptist.

The greatest educator in the world in this generation was the late William Rainey Harper of Chicago, a Baptist college president.

The most famous and best equipped school (for its age—only twenty-five years old), in all countries and in all time, is the University of Chicago, a Baptist university.

The two most famous buildings for practical religious work in America are Tremont Temple and the Ford Building, both of Boston; they belong to the Baptists.

The best literature produced on Christian social work, is by Walter

Rausenbusch; Chas. E. Vedder, and Dr. Chas. R. Henderson, deceased, all Baptists.

The greatest pioneer missionary and educator of the Mississippi Valley was the noted Baptist, John M. Peck.

Shurtleff, a Baptist Institution, was the first college established in the United States west of Ohio.

An Illinois newspaper recently had the following notice in its Saturday edition:

Presbyterian Church

"Sunday school at 9:15. At 10:30 Rev. ——— will preach a series of sermons, etc. * * * There will also be reception of members and *baptism of infants.*"

So long as Protestant churches will persist in practicing, for one of the two ordinances of Christ's church, a ceremony that has no scriptural foundation, a ceremony that had its origin long after the scriptures were written and the apostles had passed away just so long will there be need for Baptist churches; just so long will it be folly to talk about the possibility of the union of all churches. Baptist churches must stand firm and ring out the gospel truth until all men accept Christ and follow His command of believer's baptism.

"I have read your editorial on Communion, and the conviction grows in my mind that it would do a great deal of good if published as a tract and given wide circulation. I could use at least 100 myself."—*Alton Association.*

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"Entered as second-class matter, June 12,
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March 3, 1879."

THE Bulletin continues to grow; we
are now approaching the 6000
mark in subscriptions.

WITH the December number we
will send out a good many
sample copies. Will not everyone who
takes the paper strive to get one new
subscriber.

IT IS possible to double the subscrip-
tions to the Bulletin if everyone
who reads it would try to get one new
subscriber; that ought to be easy.

LEAFLETS and cards for member-
ship exchange are now completed
and in the superintendent's office. Any
pastor who can use them will be fur-
nished with as many as he needs if he
will drop a card to the superintendent.

IN Minnesota, there have been more
converts among foreign speaking
people through the work of Baptist mis-
sionaries during the past forty years
than by all other denominations togeth-
er.

INDIANA has reorganized its mis-
sionary work and Rev. Chas. M.
Dinsmore has been elected as the super-
intendent of all the work in the state.

Dr. Pope, the former superintendent,
has not been able to do much for more
than a year.

PERSONALS

Mr. S. S. M. Ellenberger of Forest
City has decided to give his time to
aiding pastors or others in evangelistic
meetings. Any one needing that kind
of assistance can address him at Forest
City.

Rev. J. L. Watson of Sullivan is so
situated that he can hold evangelistic
meetings, or hold meetings for civic
betterment, or deliver lectures as de-
sired.

Rev. J. C. Robbins has been ap-
pointed Secretary of the Foreign Mis-
sion Society in Boston to take the
place of Rev. A. C. Baldwin. Mr.
Robbins will be associated with Rev.
J. H. Franklin.

Rev. Jas. A. White of Louisville,
Ky., began work as Secretary of the
B. Y. P. U. A. November 1st. His
office address is 107 S. Wabash ave.,
Chicago.

Rev. C. F. Chambers has been elect-
ed superintendent of missions for Ohio
to take the place of Rev. J. C. Rose.
D.D.

Rev. W. B. Hinson of Portland,
Ore., has been appointed by the Home
Mission Society as one of its three gen-
eral evangelists. He will occupy the
Rocky Mountain and Coast District.

Rev. Clifford Cress is the new State
superintendent of Montana, to take the
place of Rev. Thos. Stephens, who was
badly injured in an automobile acci-
dent three years ago.

A NOTABLE WILL

The editor was called upon to deliver the address at the funeral of Mrs. Eunice C. Evans of El Paso, Monday, November 6th. The pastor of the church had charge of the services and Dr. J. Y. Aitchison of Chicago was present and took part. Mrs. Evans had been a very devoted Christian and active member of the church. She was blessed with means, and made good use of her income, while she lived and made wise and liberal provisions in her will for Christian beneficence. After remembering a large number of relatives, she made the following bequests for religious and charitable work: She endowed her home church with \$6,000, and the Woman's Missionary Society of the El Paso church with \$500. She gave \$5,000 to the Illinois Baptist State Convention; \$5,000 for the Baptist Foreign Mission Society; \$5,000 to the Baptist Home Mission Society; \$3,000 to the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society; \$3,000 to the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society; \$3,000 to the American Baptist Publication Society; \$3,000 to the Woman's Baptist Training School; \$3,000 to the Ministerial Education Society of the University of Chicago; \$5,000 to Ministerial Education Work in Shurtleff College; \$2,000 to the Old People's Home at Maywood; \$2,000 to the Baptist Ministers' Aid Society; \$500 to the Baptist Orphanage at Maywood; \$500 to the Baptist Home for Ministers' Children at Morgan Park; \$1,000 to the W. C. T. U. of El Paso; \$100 to the Y. W. C. A. of Woodford County; \$1,000 to the Y. W. C. A. of Peoria; \$100 to the Woodford County Sunday School As-

sociation; \$1,000 for a girls' dormitory at Shurtleff College; \$4,000 to the Illinois Baptist State Convention for the benefit of the Baptist Church at the State University; \$3,000 to Church Edifice work of the Baptist Home Mission Society; \$500 to the El Paso Public Library.

Who can estimate the good that will follow this wise distribution of this large estate. This is a good example of a recognition of Christian stewardship, viz: that God entrusts riches to His people to be used for His glory and the good of humanity.

A GREAT MEETING

The mid-year meeting of the state superintendents and missionary secretaries of the Northern Baptist Convention was held in St. Louis, November 30th, December 1st and 2d. There were about fifty men and a half dozen women from Vermont to Southern California. This three days' meeting, held at the Marquette Hotel, was one of great interest and profit. Almost every phase of denominational work was thoroughly discussed. The Five Year Program was given a very prominent place in the discussions. The State Convention Superintendents and the National and City Secretaries held separate meetings for two days, and the last day was a joint meeting. Among the many topics considered was a paper by the editor of the Bulletin on the Organization of Baptist churches. The representatives from Illinois were the Superintendent of Missions, Rev. F. L. Anderson, Rev. J. Y. Aitchison, D.D., Dr. Gray of the Standard, Rev. T. L. Ketman, D.D., Dean Shailer Mathews, and Mrs. West-

fall. All of these Illinois brethren had an important place on the program. Next year the semi-annual meeting will be held in Chicago. The Superintendent from Illinois was appointed to bear greetings from this conference to a similar meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention to be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., in January.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. N. T. Hafer, while engaged in a meeting at Warsaw, was called to Michigan on account of the death of his father. At this time he is engaged in special meetings at Geneseo.

Rev. W. R. Johnson spent a few days in special meetings at Mattoon. He only remained a short time, and the meeting closed without any special interest. He then assisted Rev. J. A. Cozad at East Park, Decatur, where much interest was manifested. At the time of this writing he is assisting Pastor Wolfe in meetings in Petersburg.

Rev. L. B. Trites, our missionary in the Bloomfield Association, reports encouraging work. At Palermo he has installed a new lighting plant that adds much to the equipment for work. The spiritual interest at that point is good.

At Grape Creek four new members were recently added, a financial system is being organized, and a young men's athletic club has been formed. At the time of this writing Brother Trites is engaged in special meetings at Hillery. There have been five additions by letter. He will soon hold a meeting at Union Chapel.

Rev. J. L. Meads spent two weeks visiting former Free Baptist churches in Southern Illinois. His sermons and addresses to these people were occa-

sions of great encouragement. He is at this time assisting Dr. Twing in special meetings in Alton.

Rev. V. Colbert aided the pastor of Centralia in holding a meeting at Womac, a suburb of Centralia; the meeting resulted in the organization of a church.

Brother Colbert has also organized a church at Alta Sita, East St. Louis, to be known as the Unity Baptist Church of East St. Louis.

Rev. P. S. McCubbin, pastor at Marseilles, is having some success. He recently received five members into the church by letter.

Rev. N. T. Hafer held a successful meeting at Danvers for three weeks. About a dozen people united with the church. The church had been pastorless for more than two years. They voted heartily to call a pastor, and within about one month had a man located on the field. Brother Hafer seems to have good success in "bringing things to pass."

SOCIAL SERVICE AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

Great emphasis has been laid upon Christian social service in recent years and this is well. No doubt this phase of the Christian life has been greatly neglected by Protestant Christians during the last century. But there is great danger in over-estimating social service. Some of our churches have suffered and are now suffering, by their pastors exalting the social phase of Christian life above the spiritual. If looking after the welfare of the bodies of men is going to result in neglecting their souls, and if the exalting of the social is going to result in the lowering of the spiritual; the outcome of the

modern emphasis on social service will be a curse instead of a blessing. These two kinds of service should go together and work hand in hand. There are pastors and churches that are doing the two kinds of work, and the spiritual life is exalted in connection with doing social work. But when the Sunday School is turned into a study of socialistic books instead of the Bible, and the prayer meeting is turned into a forum for a discussion of social questions instead of an hour for devotional service, and spiritual uplift, the whole scope of Christian life and service is being lowered. When more emphasis is laid upon the welfare of the body than upon the welfare of the soul, the final result will be worse for both body and soul. Society will never be regenerated until the hearts of the people, of which society is made up, have been regenerated. We ought to do all we can for the betterment of society, but the best way to do it is to preach faithfully the gospel as revealed in the Scriptures. The only hope of saving society is through the redemption of Jesus Christ and through His Gospel. Society will be redeemed only as men repent of sin and accept Him as a personal Savior. Institutional work, gymnasiums, organized charities, should be made a means of leading men and women to the cross, not away from it. The church that turns its energies into social life to the neglect of the spiritual things will in a short time lose its power, and, in time its very existence and will have no strength for social service because it has prostrated the higher for the lower form of service; it exalted the material above the spiritual; "These ought ye to have done and not have left the other undone."

CHURCHES

The First Church of Cairo, of which Dr. L. D. Lamkin is pastor, had 125 men in the pastor's Bible class November 28th. The Bulletin goes into forty-six homes in that church.

Rev. J. H. Bagwill held a three weeks' meeting at Steuben, where he has supplied the church for one year. The church was greatly strengthened and twenty-two persons were converted and united with the church.

Rev. B. E. Allen has been pastor of the Osceola Church for seven or eight years. It is in the country about nine miles from a railroad. It has become one of the most efficient churches in the state. On Sunday morning, November 14th, after the preaching service, the people presented Brother Allen and his wife with a new five passenger automobile. Quite a number of churches have made an effort to secure Brother Allen as pastor within the last few years, but his people treat him so well that he cannot leave.

The Assumption Church, Rev. R. T. Gasaway, pastor, is expecting to hold a meeting soon. An every-member-cavass was made December 5th. The church recently suffered a great loss in the death of S. E. Cushing.

Sixty years ago next April there was a division in the First Baptist Church of Quincy, and the Vermont street church was organized. On November 14th the two churches voted to come together under the name of the "Central Baptist Church." This will enable the Quincy Baptists to build one meeting house that will be a credit to the Baptists and the city. The united church will have a membership of

about 1000. They will continue to carry on work in the old churches until a new meeting house is built.

The Antioch Church in the Rock Island Association, Rev. W. H. Parker, pastor, held a three weeks' meeting, Rev. W. C. Rutherford of Monmouth aiding in the meetings. The church increased the pastor's salary \$200.

The Fairmount Church, with Rev. W. E. Pool, pastor, seems to be a very live church. All lines of work are moving nicely. There are from twenty-five to fifty in the Wednesday night prayer meetings. They are planning for special meetings in January.

The Litchfield Church is doing splendidly with Rev. H. R. Otto as pastor. He has been there about three years. He recently got a building on the lot, which is splendidly equipped for social work and Sunday School classes. On November 28th, there were 222 present in the Sunday School. 105 in the B. Y. P. U., and from 60 to 80 attend the prayer meeting. There have been about 100 additions to the church since he began the work.

CHRISTMAS

We are now approaching the season of the year when all the world is given to festivity more than at any other season of the year. This is because it is Christmas time. The 25th of December is the day on which all Christendom celebrates the birth of the Savior of the world. This ought to be a glad time, but how few people celebrate it with the thought of the coming of Christ.

Sometimes Sunday School programs almost eliminate the Christ in exalting Santa Claus, and other un-Christ-

tian things introduced into the observance of this Christian holiday. Too much money is expended by Christian people in making presents to each other at Christmas time instead of making sacrifices to make known to all the world the gospel of Him who came to earth on Christmas day. This will be a sad Christmas for more than one-half of the professed Christian world, eleven nations that have almost a score of millions of men engaged in slaughtering each other. Let Christmas this year be celebrated in America with Thanksgiving, but with serious thoughtfulness of the Christ and of the sad condition of the world nineteen centuries after His advent into this world.

THE CLOSING YEAR

Before another issue of the Bulletin reaches its readers the year 1915 will have passed into eternity. What our lives have been during that year will have been written and never can be changed. We cannot recall the past. However, we hope many of us can look back upon the closing year with some measure of satisfaction that it was not spent in vain; yet, it was not perfectly spent. Many mistakes were made, things were done in the wrong way; much service neglected. Let us profit by the mistakes of the past year and look forward to the year 1916 with new courage and hope, determined to do better service than during the past year. We desire to bring to all the Bulletin readers, the greetings of a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May you have great happiness and prosperity and exercise increased devotion to the cause of our Master for the year 1916.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

November 7th the editor of the Bulletin preached in the town of Henry in Putnam County. This little county has no Baptist church. Henry is a town of about 2000 people where three or four Baptists live, and through the influence of one of these I preached there. It was a union meeting in which four congregations were assembled.

* Sunday night I preached for the church at LaSalle. The Young People's meeting was fine, and a good congregation assembled for the preaching service. LaSalle is still without a pastor, but is very anxious to locate a man suitable for that field.

On November 16th, I attended a recognition service at Oakland. The Separate Baptist Church, a very good and active country church, desires to unite with the Bloomfield Association. There was a representative council present. The Baptist Articles of Faith were read and accepted by the church, and the council voted to recognize the church as a Baptist church, and advised them to send a letter and messengers to the next meeting of the Bloomfield Association and ask admission to that body. The pastor, Rev. Ira Blythe, has been pastor of that church for seven years, and is well known in East Central Illinois. He was examined as to his experience and call to the ministry and as to his doctrinal views, and he was recognized as a Baptist minister.

Sunday, November 21st, I spent in Danville, giving the morning and afternoon to two negro Baptist churches, and in the evening I preached for Dr. Krumreig's people at the First church. The Second Church of Danville is a very efficient and substantial Baptist

church, well located. Besides this, there are four other negro Baptist churches in the city, three of them in the same community. We had a union meeting with these churches and tried to reason with them and persuade them that the three churches ought to be one body. The night was stormy, but we had a fairly good congregation at the First Church. The work seems to be going well there.

November 28, I gave the morning service to the church at Kewanee. Rev. L. C. Trent has been pastor there for seven or eight years. He has had only two pastorates, at Lincoln and Kewanee. He and his wife are greatly appreciated by their people, and the work is growing well.

I gave Sunday afternoon to the Negro Baptist Church in Kewanee. This church has had a hard struggle, but is in a more hopeful condition now than I have ever known it.

Sunday night I spoke for forty minutes at the B. Y. P. U. meeting in Galva. There was a good attendance. Rev. O. R. Thomas, the pastor, seems to be getting along well with the work there.

Sunday, December 5th, I was called to attend the funeral of Daniel C. Fellows at St. Charles. He was the last of the old members of the St. Charles Church, that church having turned its property to the State Convention and disbanded several years ago. Brother Fellows was one of the grand Baptist laymen of that section.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. L. E. Ellison of Moline, recently pastor at Andalusia, has accept-

ed a call to become pastor at Plymouth and Colchester. He will begin work December 12th.

Rev. J. W. Patterson, formerly of White Hall, Ill., but who for the last few years was pastor at Mason City, Neb., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Alpha Church. This church recently suffered a great loss in the death of one of its constituent members, Mrs. Hulda Calkins, aged 89 years.

Rev. W. E. Tharpe, for several years pastor of the Benson Church, has accepted a call to Long Prairie, Minnesota. This is a county seat town of 1800 people.

Rev. C. H. Wells, for several years pastor of the Clayton Church, has been called to the pastorate of the St. Mary's and Bethel churches in the Salem association. These two fields will make a fine pastorate.

Rev. C. T. Holman, who has been pastor at LaMoille for several years, closed his work November 15th, and left the state. This leaves a good church pastorless.

Rev. Milo Moore resigned the pastorate at Warren after one year and went to Kansas. Warren is a splendid little church and is again pastorless.

Rev. T. F. Chilton, who has been temporarily pastor of the Calvary Church, Danville, has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of Streator.

Rev. Edward Benden of Springfield has been called to the pastorate of the Pontiac Church. Brother Benden was a student of the Moody School and Louisville Seminary and a graduate of Shurtleff College. He has had one pastorate since he left school and that was very successful.

Rev. A. B. Mercer has been called from the pastorate of the Henry Church to the pastorate of the First Church at Kankakee.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING NOVEMBER

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Ava Church	\$ 2.05
Berwyn Church	15.00
Bulletin subscriptions	72.00
Campbell Hill Church	2.15
Carrollton Ch., Rev. W. E. Mundell	
(5)	5.00
Carterville, Second Church .....	.50
Chicago, Englewood Church	21.03
Chicago, Hyde Park Ch., Mrs. Mary P. Barber, on Hopkins Park Ch. Building Fund	10.00
Chicago, Messiah Church	5.15
Chicago, Ravenswood Church	7.00
Chicago, Second Church	100.00
Chicago, Second Ch., Rev. W. F. Stotes, on Hopkins Pk. Ch. building fund	10.00
Chicago, Woodlawn Church	19.38
Chillicothe Sunday School	2.00
Christopher Church	2.30
Creal Springs Second Church .....	.70
Ditson, Asa L. (Macoupin County Association)	5.00
Downers Grove Church	10.00
East Alton Church	5.00
Erie Church .....	.50
Evanston Church	16.67
Fairview Church	1.00
*Farmersville Church	10.00
Hoopeston Church	8.63
Lena Sunday School	1.16
Lena B. Y. P. U.	2.20
Marley Church	19.00
Marion Third Church	1.53
Monmouth Church	14.50
Morris Church	2.00
Palestine Church .....	.80
Peoria Association Mis. Committee	28.69
*Reynolds Ch., Geo. E. Mayhew	5.00
Reynolds Sunday School	7.00
*Rock Island, Edgewood Church	7.00
Rock Island, First Church	26.00
St. Charles Meeting House, rent	7.00
Streator, Beulah Church	16.00
Supply	35.00
Union Church	8.80
*Walnut Church	19.00
*Wasco Church	4.00
Waukegan Church	8.66
West Frankfort Church	7.00
Zenobia Church	12.00

Total\$563.40

AN APPEAL FOR THE NATIONAL BAPTIST SLAVIC TRAINING SCHOOL

One of the most important advance steps taken by the Baptist movement for the present year has been the establishment of the National Baptist Slavic Training School in Chicago. The attendance is most gratifying, there being at the present time thirteen enrolled.

The Slavic peoples offer a great field for evangelization in America and we Baptists are peculiarly well fitted to carry on this work.

These young men need financial aid for they are poor. The amount that each needs, however, is not large and a few hundred dollars would be sufficient for the present year to assist them to meet their living expenses. The Northwestern Baptist Education Society very earnestly appeals for assistance for this new school, which is under the auspices of the Home Mission Society and represents the work of the Northern Baptist Convention. The Education Society, however has no invested funds and already needs increased income for the assistance of the Scandinavian Students. It must, therefore, raise additional and specifically designated sums for this Slavic work. The Baptist churches of the Middle West are ready to help on this new and important enterprise.

Funds can be sent to Dr. P. G. Mode, Secretary of the Northwestern Baptist Education Society, who will see that the money is sent to the management of the Slavic Institute.

Rev. F. I. Beckwith,

President of the Northwestern Baptist Education Society.

Dr. P. G. Mode, *Secretary.*

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE CONVENTION

"I wish I could have added a few roses of verbal expression to those in the bouquet given you at the Convention. I would have said, 'None greater than he in State Convention work in our denomination. None so much beloved by his state. None so lovingly followed by his brethren, and none of the brethren more happy in this following than I.'—*M. P. Boynton.*

"I want to congratulate you on the splendid banquet, the very superior speeches, and the success of the occasion. I think if we could get a lot of our laymen to such a meeting as that they would want to go back again."—*F. W. Parker.*

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE BULLETIN

"I want to tell you that I hear very many expressions of appreciation of the Bulletin as I go about my work in the state. It brings to the people just the denominational news they want. Personally, I think it compares very favorably with some other denominational state papers that cost \$1.00 per year. Newsy, and not weighted down with long sermons and addresses that people can find in abundance elsewhere when they want it."—Chicago.

"Thank you for the Bulletin. It is wonderful. It has so much news condensed into so small a space."—Plainfield.

The Atlanta Church, of which Rev. J. C. Ellinwood is pastor, is putting extensive repairs on the church building, furnace, hardwood floors, electric light, etc., are being installed.

DEATHS

"Rev. Calvin Richardson died of paralysis November 24th, at Benton, where he was helping to conduct a meeting. He was one of the most widely known preachers of Southern Illinois, and probably has been in the work for fifty years, and has probably been the means of converting more people than any other Baptist minister in Southern Illinois."

The field work and office work of the Superintendent of the Illinois Baptist State Convention has greatly increased within recent years.

During the year ending October 1st, the superintendent traveled 25,767 miles, delivered 181 sermons and addresses, and dictated or wrote more than 5,000 letters, and during the year 1915, including December, he will have written and published what would have made a book of nearly 400 large pages, about fifty pages of which is closely printed statistics. The total number of pages of printed matter going out from this office during the year amounted to 1,378,750. Nine bags of mailing matter went from this office to the postoffice in November.

There are usually on my list of available pastors desiring to make a change or desiring to come to Illinois, from 100 to 125 names. I never send the name of an available man to a church until I have investigated his life and work, if he is a stranger to me. This adds very much to the office work.

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Maywood, Illinois

MRS. A. W. RUNYON

Editor and Field Secretary

5742 Maryland Ave., Chicago

The Board of Managers wish to thank you for boxes and barrels of apples, vegetables and canned fruits and jellies which have been sent in from Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa to the Home; also for donations from the women of our churches to the Annual Bazaar held at the Auditorium Hotel Nov. 22 and 23. May the Good Father add more abundantly to your own store houses for thus dividing your good things with our Old People's Home. Your Field Secretary attended three of our State Conventions this year and a number of Associations in Illinois, reporting to our constituency concerning this good work.

People who had not heard about our Home for the aged before were pleased to know we were waking up to this ministry to our own so long neglected; and those who have shared in it were glad to know of our progress. One month more will determine whether we shall meet the \$5000 conditional gift for the endowment of the Home. If you have not yet had part in it, do not delay.

See that the care of the aged has a place in your church benevolence for the coming year.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS**

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.

Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

Matters have adjusted themselves in the home and we are having our usual recognition by way of fruits and other thanksgiving donations.

The time is ripe for the payment of second sustaining pledges. I trust our many friends will consider this obligation and forward payments at an early date. Friends need to keep in mind that it takes about thirty dollars per day to keep the family in the home and the five dollars payment is but one-sixth of the cost of one day's rations.

This month ought to be especially fruitful in response to the needs of children since the chief event is that of the birth of our Savior, who himself said that service rendered in the interest of children was akin to rendering service to him.

The superintendent spent a happy two weeks in Iowa in November in special meetings with his old time friend, Rev. Hector C. Leland, Ph.D. It was a delightful privilege to enjoy the hospitality of Brother Leland and wife for two weeks as well as to share with them the blessing of the services.

It is the purpose of the superintendent to hold at least four meetings during the winter season.

The support by way of finances will be put into the treasury of the Central Baptist Children's Home. Mrs. MacGillivray and my daughter Beryl will take charge of office and home work during the time I am away doing field work or holding meetings.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS

Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.

Our number of children is being held down to less than 65 and the proper care of that number overworks our limited help. Other children are being urged upon us, and we greatly dislike to refuse them admittance.

For many years we have felt the great advantage given to some other denominations by their deaconess systems for the training in social service a large number of devoted and talented young women.

I do not believe Baptist young women have less devotion than their sisters of the M. E. church, but we have failed to appeal to them by consistent efforts, which would keep before them the great needs for social service, as we have failed to offer them splendid opportunities to prepare for such a service.

Just before Thanksgiving Pastor Woodhull led his people in what they termed Orphanage Week. They called it their "First Annual Orphanage Week," and the pastor and people worked hard to make it a success. What they gathered and shipped in potatoes, apples, canned fruit, hay and grain had a value not far from \$125. This value was net to the orphanage for they gathered enough cash to more than pay the freight on the donation. They expect to repeat the effort each year.

The Thanksgiving cash returns were not as large as we had hoped, but we are still hopeful that those of Christmas will more than make amends.

Foreign and Home Mission Societies

REV. J. Y. AITCHISON, D.D., Joint District Secretary

19 South LaSalle St., Chicago

J. Y. Aitchison, Editor

That the Five Year Program has been favorably received in all parts of the country is a matter which calls for great rejoicing on the part of the leaders of the denomination.

But is it not of extreme importance that we should all carefully guard against a common modern weakness, namely: to pass resolutions in conventions and even in churches, and then settle down with a comfortable feeling that simply having passed the resolution, will settle the question. In other words we may as well acknowledge the fact that unless this Five Year Program becomes a matter of intense concern on the part of a few of the leaders in each congregation the local church, which is the unit of activity, will fail to do its part. If any considerable number of local churches fail it is obvious that the state will fail. Should this condition of affairs be true in state after state of the Northern Baptist Convention our denomination will fail to realize these objectives.

The following leaflets available for free distribution can be had either from Dr. John M. Moore, 23 E. 26th street, New York, or from the undersigned, in such quantities as are desired for use in any local church.

1. "A Five Year Program" which sets forth the action of the Northern Baptist Convention at Los Angeles.

2. "The Facts Are." A leaflet giving the goals of the program, and showing the relation of the National Campaign of the Laymen's Movement to our program.

3. "Vitalizing the Churches." A general statement of the aim of the program.

4. "The Five Year Program in the Local Church," suggesting goals and methods for the local church.

5. "Five Year Program Manual." A thirty-two page pamphlet for pastors, state, associational and local committees, and others who are to present the program to the churches.

6. "Foreign Mission Aspects of the Five Year Program." Published by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

7. "Home Mission Aspects of the Five year Program." Published by the American Baptist Home Mission Society. (Ready in December.)

8. "Educational Aspects of the Five Year Program." (Ready in December.)

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

At the state meeting in Aurora, two publications by the organization were presented for sale. One of these was an exercise arranged from the leaflet "Thanksgiving Ann." It was given in the afternoon by some young people from Elgin and requires about twenty minutes. If you want something which will please old and young, send for some copies and work it up, price 5 cents. The other was a Prayer Calendar which pertains to our Illinois girls and the interests of the state organization. It would make a fine Christmas greeting, price 10 cents. Send to Mrs. W. P. Topping, 706 Douglas st., Elgin, Ill., also for state emblems, to be used as souvenirs on State Day, which we hope the circles will not fail to observe in January; price one cent each.

The annual report will contain many suggestions and much material for the program and will probably be out this month. If every circle does not receive a copy through one of its officers, it is because their names have not been sent through the yearly report to the state officers of the National Societies.

The following extract from one of our girls, Miss Selma G. Lagergren,

who is in Iloilo, Panay, P. I., will be of interest. She first refers to the opening of the Bible Training School:

We have only sixty beds and when they are all taken there isn't room for one more. Wish you could see our girls' sleeping porch. The beds stand so close together that I know you couldn't possibly squeeze between them. By the end of the first day every bed had its occupant. I feel so sorry for those who have to be turned away, don't you?

A few weeks ago, Miss Anna V. Johnson, Miss Olivia Johnson and I had a tea for several of the Filipino ladies of Jaro. It was well attended and we had a lovely time together. During the afternoon a Kindergarten Committee was formed, and a president, secretary, treasurer, and a calling committee of ten were elected. And so an interest for the Kindergarten was started. God grant that the interest will grow until the little chapel room where we now gather the children will not be large enough for us.

This is the second week of school and we have 50 children enrolled. I have a paid assistant, and three young women who are taking special Kindergarten training. These four are with me every morning. And then all the third and fourth year students of our Training School, nineteen in all, have two hours practice work a week. So you see I do not lack teachers, but at the same time they keep me very busy.

Yes, busy and happy the whole day long in the most interesting work that can be found; for search high and low the wide world over, I doubt very much that you will find a more interesting place than here.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B.Y.P.U.



Director, W. B. Morris,
577 West Macon st., Decatur

The first week in November we held an institute in Chicago. This is a new line of work that is being promoted by the American Baptist Publication Society, and is producing good results. It is a very difficult task to do such a thing in a city like Chicago, on account of the distances to be traveled, the many other demands on time and the fact that everyone is busy. Notwithstanding these disadvantages there was a good attendance throughout the five days, some coming ten and fifteen miles. On all sides the question was asked, "When can we have another such institute?"

I spent four days with the church at Morris, holding an institute with the church there. The attendance was small but the interest was good.

The day after Thanksgiving an Associational Young People's Rally was held in Mattoon. The meeting was arranged by Prof. R. M. Utterback of that city. The program was practical and profitable and quite representative as well. Other similar rallies will be held in the Bloomfield Association between now and Spring. I preached for Pastor Shott of Urbana one evening during their revival meeting and had five conversions.

I also preached one sermon to Pastor Cozad's people in Decatur. The last

ten days of their meeting Evangelist W. R. Johnson was in charge and reported thirty conversions.

I spent one Sunday with Pastor Claxon at Taylorville and spoke at a combined Rally and Decision Day service. Several were led to confess Christ publicly. Pastor Claxon has a strong grip on his people and is leading them out into larger service.

Since last report I have also visited Assumption and had a good service. Attended and addressed the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention at Green Bay. The attendance was good from all over the state.

Rev. Floyd Adams of Hammond, Ind., delivered the Young People's address. He spoke in his usually happy vein and was heard with great interest.

Miss Sedgwick of the Baptist Training School gave a fine Sunday school address.

Mr. Glenn Shuler, in his report as secretary of the State B. Y. P. U., presented a most carefully prepared statement of the work of the state organization during the past year. He was elected president for the ensuing year, and we look for him to give a good account of himself.

We must not forget the great convention to be held in Chicago next July.

Rev. G. W. Wright closed his work at Blandinsville to accept a call to the Rozetta Church, ten miles from Monmouth. This is one of the best country fields in the state, and one of very great possibilities.

One of the far reaching calamities of the war in Europe, perhaps the most far reaching and least thought of, is forcibly expressed in the following editorial quoted from the Watchman-Examiner:

"Degeneration of population caused by war is a subject that has never been sufficiently considered. It is brought forcibly to public attention at this time by the discovery of the fact that the boys born in Great Britain during the Boer War are noticeably inferior to those who preceded them in schools. In Japan the young men born during the war with China are just coming of military age, and are found to be fewer in number in proportion to population and physically inferior to the generation preceding them. This will be still more noticeable when the generation born during the war with Russia comes on the active stage of life. The United States was saved from the full effects of this degeneracy in birth caused by the Civil War by the great flood of immigration which has been pouring into the country. But who can doubt that this would have been a very different country today if the 600,000 men of American blood who perished in the Civil War had lived to become fathers of families of Americans? The great multitude of war widows and of unmarried women who would have become wives and mothers if the men they were to have married had not perished in the war between the States has been the most pathetic feature of social life in the United States for the last fifty years. When the effect of the present war on the population of Europe is considered the prospect is appalling. Europe cannot recoup itself by immigration as did the United States, and the outlook points to the growing ascendancy of the Asiatic peoples in the Eastern Hemisphere. It was the Emperor of Germany who first called attention to the "Yellow Peril." But this war is doing more to increase that peril than anything the yellow races can do for themselves."

THREE KINDS OF BAPTISTS

There are three sorts of Baptists whom we are hearing of today. There is the Half Baptist, the Whole-Baptist, and the Baptist-and-a-Half. Of these three the second is by all means the best. The Half-Baptist is the timorous brother. He is terribly afraid that he will step on somebody's denominational toes. He is so timid that he scarcely dares call his denominational life his own; and in the stress of modern unifying tendencies, he is even willing to compromise conviction and trim the truth for the sake of peace.

The Baptist-and-a-Half, on the other hand, goes to the opposite extreme. He is the belligerent brother. He is a sort of denominational bully. He prances around the ring with a chip on his shoulder, itching for a fight and daring all comers to meet him on "the bloody sands." This brother is a delusion and a snare. He is a great hindrance to our better interests, and may his name soon become "Ichabod."

But the Whole-Baptist. Ah, there is the man to whom we must take off our hats! He strikes the happy middle ground. He is broad and generous, and yet he is also leal-hearted and true. He is a Whole-Baptist. He is just "bigoted" enough to believe it a great blessing to be a Baptist. But, though loyal, firm and strong, he is also sweet, gracious and loving. Long may he live, and may his sturdy tribe increase! —Maryland Messenger.

"ANOTHER WORD OF WARNING

Do not waste your Lord's money. If you choose to waste your own, which is unlikely, we shall have no quarrel with you. If you do not know how to take care of the tithe which you have devoted to the Lord's work, then turn it over to somebody who has some business sense. That dear unknown brother from Arabia has been collecting money for that orphanage so long that all the children have grown to manhood and womanhood! That dear brother from India collects for his independent mission only about \$15 a week, and as it costs him \$16 to live and to travel he is always in straits! That brother from the South, whose little church would be helped if you gave him but fifty cents, is having an outing at the expense of foolish and improvident people who think themselves generous. Yes, he is perfectly honest, but he only gets about enough to pay his expenses, and so the good cause that he represents languishes! Yes, yes, we have done just as you have done, and given to all three of these men. Yes, we know that it is easier to preach than to practise, and we know also that it is hard to learn even by experience."

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THE FIVE YEAR PROGRAM



This issue of the Bulletin will be given largely to the Five Year Program. The committee has arranged for a series of twenty rallies in seventeen associations in February. On another page in this issue of the Bulletin will be seen a map indicating the place and time of these rallies. The subject of the Five Year Program is so familiar with most Baptists of the Northern Baptist Convention that it would seem unnecessary to give a history of this movement here. But for the benefit of some readers who may not be familiar with it, we give it somewhat in detail.

During the meetings of the Northern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles last May, a great onward movement was launched, known as the "Five Year Program." In this movement a great task was set before the denomination for the next five years. It was the result of much prayer and conferences on the part of some, and was unanimously adopted by the Convention. The following program was adopted and recommended:

1. A million additions to our churches by baptism.
2. A missionary force of 5,000 men and women in America and the non-Christian world.
3. Two million dollars of endowment for the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board.

4. Twenty-five student pastors in universities, one thousand Baptist students in theological seminaries, fifteen thousand students in colleges and universities and six million dollars for additional educational endowment and equipment at home and abroad.

5. An annual income of six million dollars for missions and benevolence.

The methods recommended for the accomplishment of this high aim are:

1. A persistent, pervasive Evangelism—personal, pastoral and vocational.
2. The giving of not less than one-tenth of the individual income and the Annual Every Member Canvass.
3. An increasing emphasis on education—Biblical, missionary and academic.
4. The development of every church in social service.
5. Prevailing prayer—personal, public and social.

The program mentioned above is the greatest the Baptist denomination has ever undertaken, but is it too large? Is it too much for eight Christians to win one soul to Christ, to the Kingdom, and to the church in a whole year? Is it too much to expect a million and a half of Baptists to bring into missionary work 400 missionaries a year for five years? Is it too much to expect an increase in our missionary offerings to the extent that at the end of five years the whole denomination of the Northern Baptist Convention will be giving 33 % more than it is giving now?

Is it too much to expect a great increase in educational interest? While it

is a great program it is not too great for the denomination to undertake. The Five Year Program Committee has published and sent out some tracts that are very valuable. From one of these we make the following quotation:

Goals for the Co-operating Church

1. One new follower of Christ annually for every eight members.
2. One minister or missionary produced from its membership during the five-year period.
3. One of its young people in college for every one hundred members or major fraction thereof.
4. Gifts by individuals (in addition to church offerings) and legacies or annuities for Baptist missionary, benevolent and educational work.
5. A fifteen per cent increase each year in offerings to missions and benevolence.

Some First Steps

1. Aim to secure an immediate fifteen per cent increase in attendance on Sunday services and to double the attendance at prayer meeting.
2. Bring the average attendance at Sunday school up to seventy per cent of present total enrollment and make enrollment at least equal resident church membership.
3. Enlist all uninterested women in the work of the women's organization.
4. Plan an aggressive effort to enroll all the young people of the church in the Young People's Society and enlist them in some definite form of social service.
5. Double the number of homes receiving "Missions" and a Baptist weekly with a view to their ultimate introduction into every home.

"This hour in human history is critical, challenging, decisive. No church or denomination can succeed if its message and spirit are not positive, aggressive, courageous, heroic. We have a sufficient message in the Gospel of the Kingdom, a sufficient dynamic in the Spirit of God. We need spiritual vision, conquering intercession, evangelistic power and social passion.

The call of the hour is for a constructive, cumulative program of advance so large and so compelling as to arrest attention, unify our forces and activities, challenge our men of large resources and stir our whole people with a splendid enthusiasm for the Kingdom of God.

The objective of this program should be the development of every church into an evangelistic and social force in its community and a resultant mighty impact of our denominational life upon the nation and the world."

THE FEBRUARY RALLIES

We hope the pastors and laymen will take great interest in these rallies. Rev. J. Y. Aitchison, D.D., Rev. W. B. Morris, and the editor of the Bulletin, will be directors at these rallies, three meetings at three different places, being conducted at the same time, each under the management of one of these directors. It is hoped that so far as possible the pastor and representatives of the Sunday school, B. Y. P. U., women's societies, and influential laymen from each church in the association will attend these rallies. It may be possible to secure Dr. Robins, the new Foreign Mission Secretary, for one session each at all of these meetings. We expect a woman worker at each meeting, a strong pastor and layman from some other association, besides the most efficient and available talent within the association. Let nothing interfere with these rallies unless it should be something entirely unavoidable..

Remember the Special Evangelistic Fund. We cannot join with the Home Mission Society, putting two evangelists into Illinois until we have a special fund of \$2500 guaranteed. When we get that, we can back this work for two or three years. We want it in \$100, \$50 and \$25 subscriptions. It need not be paid until we call for it from time to time, as the work is being done.

Do not wait to be solicited, but make up your mind to give \$50 or \$100, and send us your name. The State Convention gets less money from the churches in Illinois than any one of our missionary societies; it should have the first claim.

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SPECIAL emphasis is placed this month upon the February rallies for the Five Year Program.

IT is hoped that an effort will be made to have representatives from each church at these rallies.

STEPS should be taken at each of the rallies looking toward a Five Year Program organization in each local church in that association.

LET everyone come to these rallies with some message to give on evangelism, and with an open heart to receive impressions on soul winning.

LET the pastor and workers in each church make it a matter of prayer and study as to whether or not there are any young people in their respective churches who ought to be preachers or missionaries. Let this be a matter of much thought and prayer at the conferences.

A DEEP impression should be made at these conferences upon the denomination with regard to taking care of the disabled and worn out ministers and missionaries.

LET those who are especially qualified upon educational lines, bring a message for the conferences upon Christian education. The pastors should

bring a list of the names of their young people whom he thinks ought to go to college, and ways and means should be provided to interest them in this work.

MISSIONS should be one of the dominating thoughts of these rallies, world wide missions. Let no one come to these rallies sitting in his or her little tub of state missions or woman's missions or foreign missions. Let this be one meeting in the year when *everybody* will be *big* enough to take in the *whole world* in his thought and sympathies and prayers. If all can do this, every *little* interest will be included.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE

After the committee on Summer Assembly had been appointed at Aurora it held a session in Peoria and did the necessary preliminary work, and started on the program. Nearly four weeks later, Dr. Benj. Otto, the chairman, felt that the work was too much for one so far away from Havana. The frequent meetings necessary would involve too much time and expense. He therefore resigned from the committee and Rev. A. C. Hodgson, who did such splendid service last year, also resigned as business manager. A special meeting of the committee was called in Springfield Saturday, January 8th. Rev. M. S. Bryant was elected a member of the committee in place of Dr. Otto, and made business manager instead of Mr. Hodgson. Dr. H. T. Marsh was elected chairman of the committee. President Geo. M. Potter and Rev. E. K. Masterson were added to the committee subject to the approval of the executive committee of the State Convention Board. Dr. Bowyer and M. S. Bryant and Dr. Marsh were appointed a sub committee on program.

The editor recently spent a Sunday morning with the Mattoon church. It has not yet located a pastor, having waited three or four months on a man whom they had called, to decide the matter of acceptance. They have had twenty-three names of applicants and persons suggested for the pulpit.

I gave a Sunday night to the Charleston church. Rev. E. A. Prince has been pastor there about fifteen months. During that time the church has made remarkable progress along all lines of work. Brother Prince seems to be just the man for the place, and his people greatly appreciate him.

I visited the Lexington church on Sunday morning, January 2nd. Rev. Cary S. Osborn is the pastor. That splendid church has suffered some reverses within recent years, but is now regaining its strength and every body seems to appreciate the pastor. I went with him in the afternoon six miles into the country and preached for him, where he has a regular appointment in a Presbyterian neighborhood.

I spoke for the Stonington people on Sunday morning, January 9th. Rev. Frank Parsons has been pastor there for three years. I have never known that church to be so strong in work and organization in all departments as now. The church spent the week of prayer on the Five Year Program. They greatly appreciate the strong sermons and good work of the pastor.

I spent a little time Saturday evening, January 8th, with Rev. R. H. Claxon at Taylorville. Brother Claxon took that field four or five years ago when it seemed to be in an almost hopeless condition, but from the time he took the work there has been continual

progress: now it is one of our strong, efficient churches.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING DECEMBER

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Am. Baptist Home Mission Society	\$ 75.00
Aurora, First Church	25.00
Bradford Church	4.64
Bulletin Subscriptions	43.60
Centralia Church	10.65
Chicago, Austin Church	53.84
Chicago, Covenant Sunday School	36.00
Chicago, Ravenswood Church	3.00
Chicago, Woodlawn Church	17.58
Collected on Mission Fields	265.55
Decatur, First Church	75.00
Jerseyville Ch., F. W. Baptist (2)	5.00
Kinderhook Church, J. B. Martin on Hopkins Park Church Fund	10.00
Minonk Church, W. S. Davison on Hopkins Park Church Fund	10.00
Northern Baptist Convention	150.00
Rock Island, First Church, on Hopkins Park Church Fund	24.00
Rock Island First Ch., B. Y. P. U.	4.00
St. Charles Meeting House Rent	7.00
State University Church Fund, (received during Nov. and Dec.)	2805.00
Tonica Parsonage Rent	20.00
Upper Alton Church	21.88
Wilson, Mrs. S. A., Manchester Ch. (Special Evan. Fund)	25.00
Woodstock Church	3.42
Woodstock Sunday School	.58

\$3697.74

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. J. B. Little and his people are pushing the building enterprise at Hopkins Park. They hope to get the building finished in February. This is an entirely new interest and it has had very rapid growth.

Rev. W. R. Johnson, our missionary evangelist, assisted Rev. J. H. Cozad of East Park, Decatur, for ten days in a meeting resulting in twenty-eight additions to the church. The pastor writes: "We enjoyed Brother W. R. Johnson very much, and our people were delighted with his work. He is an attractive and interesting speaker."

Rev. F. M. Dunk is encouraged with his work at Oglesby. The church is planning to pay off its entire indebtedness from the property by April. The young people are active and aggressive.

The work at Ridgewood, Joliet, is hopeful. The Sunday school is increasing from month to month. Rev. John H. Martin is our missionary pastor there.

The Villa Grove Church, Rev. F. J. Gilroy, pastor, after having been aided by the State Convention from the time of its organization, will now make an effort to carry on its work without missionary assistance.

Rev. J. M. Osborne is working the three points of Watertown, East Moline and Silvis, which are practically one city. We have a satisfactory arrangement by which East Moline and Watertown can concentrate their work at one point and build up one church for the two sections. Watertown has been taken into the East Moline corporation.

Rev. W. R. Johnson conducted a meeting at Petersburg during the month of December. The meeting was quite successful. There were thirty persons who made a profession of faith, and the church was greatly strengthened.

Missionary N. T. Hafer spent two weeks in December with the Geneseo church. There were a few additions. During one week the weather was very bad and the missionary had an attack of lagrippe. It amounted really to only one week of meetings. The pastor, Rev. A. E. Powell, speaks well of his work.

Rev. H. F. Jones and Miss Goldie Whitesell, who did such efficient ser-

vice with him last winter, are conducting meetings at Glasford, in the Peoria Association.

Rev. A. N. Sharpes reports encouragement in our mission at Riverside, Decatur. Brother Sharpes' wife, has been very sick, but is better at this time.

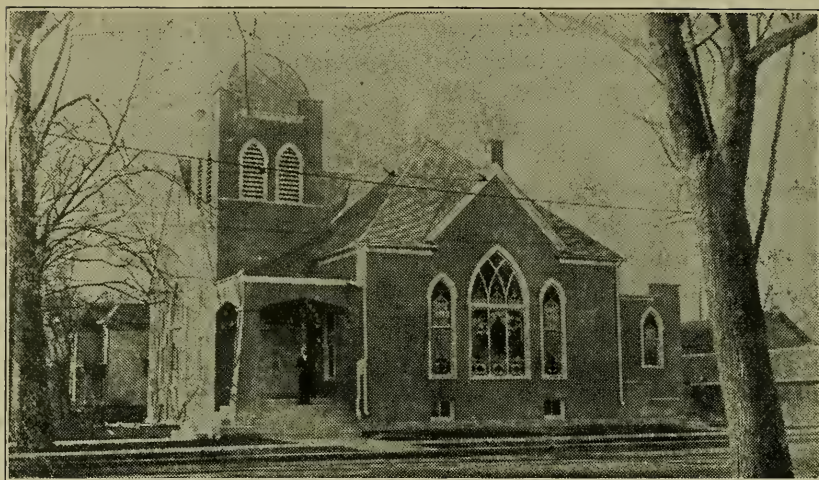
Bethany church, Peoria, Rev. A. C. Hodgson, pastor, closed the year with all debts paid in full. Much sickness interfered with Sunday school attendance during the past quarter.

Rev. P. S. McCubbin, our missionary at Marseilles, recently received five members into the church. This church has passed through some trying times, but seems to be doing good work now.

The St. Anne church, of which Rev. G. P. Burdon has been our missionary pastor, announces that it will not ask for help the coming year, but will endeavor to be self-supporting. This speaks well for both church and pastor.

Rev. A. E. Powell is entering upon his second year as our missionary pastor at Geneseo. The church seems to have made some progress during the last year. Brother Powell has published a poem of sixty-one lines in memory of his brother, who lost his life in the European war, the 15th of last December, fighting in the British army.

Rev. L. B. Trites seems to be doing successful work around Danville. He has held a meeting at Hillery with good results and is now engaged in a meeting at Grape Creek with a fine outlook for a successful campaign. He recently baptized two young men at Grape Creek in a running stream, by lantern light, in the presence of a large crowd of people. The basement of the Grape Creek Church is being arranged and equipped for social work for the community.

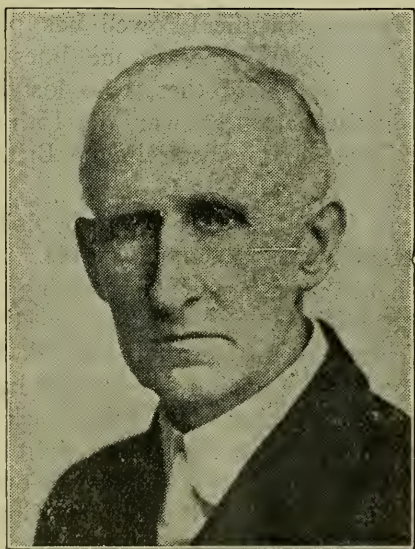


Plainfield Baptist Church, Dedicated November 21, 1915.

Many readers of the Bulletin will remember an account of the dedication of the Plainfield church, which built two meeting houses in two years, the first having been burned while the frescoing was being done. We were not able to get cuts of the pastor or church for that issue, so we give them in this number.

THE ANNUAL

The Annual will be in the hands of the people at just about the same time this year that they have formerly received it, the last days of January. It is now all in type and the proof is being read as rapidly as possible. It is impossible to publish a State Annual until we can get the statistics from the associations, for one of the most valuable things about the Annual is its statistical reports. There is no possible way of securing the statistics of the 1300 church in this state until the minutes of the forty-eight local associations are printed. From various causes some of these minutes are always late. There is no possible way of securing them all before the first of January; in fact they could not *all* be secured by the first of March, but after the first of January the few reports that are not in are repeated from last year, and the statistics are fairly accurate. Printing more than forty pages of solid statistical tables is an exceedingly tedious matter, and it is almost impossible to hasten it very much. This, we feel, is sufficient excuse to our friends for



Rev. T. C. Probert
Pastor Plainfield Baptist Church

their not getting the Annual earlier in the year. I think we have not varied a week in the last ten years in getting out the Annual, viz: in the last days of January. We expect to be up to the standard this year. In many states that do not have more than from one-fourth to one-tenth as many churches as Illinois, they can get out their reports in a few weeks, but it cannot be done in this state. In the February issue we will give an account of the progress of the denomination during the past year, as shown by the general summary of the statistics from the churches.

STONEMAN

There was recently organized in Philadelphia by one Stoneman and an Episcopal clergyman, a society of laymen called the Stonemen. At first it purported to be an anti-Catholic organization. There seems to have been three degrees with three initiatory rites and they claim to have enrolled 100,000 laymen in Philadelphia. These three initiatory rites are baptism, holy communion, and confirmation, by an Episcopal bishop. It finally came out to be nothing more nor less than a trap to get these laymen of all denominations into the Episcopal church. It seems pitiable that a large number of laymen could be so ignorant of religious matters as to be trapped in that way; and it is still worse, that a great denomination, a branch of the Established Church of England, could be so dishonest and treacherous that its officials would consent to the blasphemy of prostituting the "sacraments" (ordinances) of the church as initiatory rites for a secret club or fraternity. We do not know whether they will attempt to extend their organization to other cities or not,

but if any of these organizers should appear among the Baptist laymen of Illinois, we hope they will receive a cold shoulder in no mistakable way.

National Prohibition in Russia has now had fourteen months trial. The province of Kostrova is one of the wealthiest and best in Russia. A questionnaire was sent out to 600 persons, inquiring as to results of prohibition. The answers were over-whelmingly in favor of the good effects of prohibition. The following are a few facts from the answers:

"Owing to prohibition you cannot see the bad effects of the war." "Owing to this temperance movement, we do not feel the bad effects of a bad harvest." "Many of the dark sides of life have disappeared with vodka—thefts, murders, quarrels, immorality, pauperism and usury. All vices have disappeared." "The morality of the people has advanced by a hundred years. No hooliganism, no crimes." "No frozen people." "All the women are quite delighted. God has heard their prayers." "Children have better things to eat." "Even the attendance of children at school is better." "The permanent stoppage of the sale of spirits is quite possible and actually desired, as it will give good results in the future."

CHURCHES

On Wednesday evening, December 29th, Rev. John A. Simpson, the pastor, baptized sixteen persons at White Hall. The church has received thirty-four members since Brother Simpson began work last April. This church remembered the pastor and his family liberally at Christmas time. The Bulletin is read in more than sixty homes in White Hall.

Rev. W. H. Dickman secured the services of Dr. F. A. Reisner of Nebraska in a meeting at Hay Press, a country church near Carrollton. When last heard from fifty-two had united with the church and the meetings were

being continued. Nearly all of the converts were adults.

The Normal church held its annual meeting and roll call Wednesday night, January 5th. The ladies provided a splendid chicken pie supper. The reports showed one of the best years in the history of the church. All debts were paid, and all the missionary budgets were made in full. About \$2300 was raised, of which nearly \$600 was given for benevolence. There had been eighteen additions to the church. Rev. Martin S. Bryant and his wife of the University Church were the speakers of the evening. Rev. E. K. Masterson, the pastor, and his wife, are greatly appreciated by the church, and are very popular in the city. \$2500 is greatly needed to improve the building and modernize the basement. We hope this will be done next summer.

The First Church in Danville held its annual meeting December 26th. All current expenses for the past year had been met. Two deacons, a church membership clerk, a chapel pastor, and an assistant organist were added to the official force of the church. The Kellerville mission has been taken up as a Baptist work. It has an attendance of from 60 to 100.

Large plans are being developed for Baptist missionary and social work on the South side in Chicago. For the present Immanuel and First Churches will work separately, and the Immanuel Church and the Executive Council will work together in reorganizing and laying plans for a great institutional church building. Dr. Johnston Myers has been requested to again assume the pastorate and direct the reorganization and raising of funds.

Rev. J. B. Martin and his people are greatly delighted over extensive re-

pairs on the church building at Kinderhook. It was rededicated free of debt December 19.. They now have all the Sunday school rooms needed and have an auditorium that will accommodate 300 people. The annual meeting was one of the best in the history of the church. The Baptist Church and the Methodists, are at this time engaged in a union revival meeting.

At Jerseyville, Pastor Jenkins' Bible Class averages thirty-seven. The architect has the plans almost completed for a new church building. There have recently been quite a number of additions to the church.

The St. John Colored Church of which Rev. F. A. McCoo has been pastor for four years, has made decided progress. They have just purchased a splendid second hand building at 3434 Wabash avenue; it was formerly a Jewish synagogue. They paid \$18,000 for it. This church was organized in 1900 with seven members; it now has a membership of 800.

The Lincoln Church has recently received sixty-seven new members as a result of a union meeting held in that city. During the four years of the pastorate of Rev. N. J. Hilton, 157 persons have been received into the membership of the church.

During November the first month of the pastorate of Dr. Marsh, at Decatur, there were several conversions, and \$700 received on current expenses. The communion service was the largest in the history of the church.

The Elvaston Church, of which J. L. Henry is pastor, recently enjoyed a gracious revival. Rev. Geo. Yule of Chicago assisted for two weeks. There were thirty conversions.

Rev. C. E. Boyer, pastor at Sterling, writes enthusiastically concerning the

work there. There were recently eighty-eight present at a communion service. On a rally Sunday there were nearly 200 present at morning worship and 108 at B. Y. P. U. meeting, and 160 at evening worship. The city papers gave large space to the work in the Baptist church.

The Dixon Church recently put extensive repairs on the interior of the church. The pastor, Rev. Geo. W. Stoddard, seems to be greatly pleased with his new field, and the outlook for the future of the Dixon Church seems hopeful.

PERSONALS

Rev. L. A. Abbott, D.D., of Alton, is now about ninety-two years of age. A few weeks ago I called upon him in his home and found him well and cheerful and as interesting as a man of forty. He has just written and published a beautiful poem of seven verses upon the topic "Christmas Stars."

Evangelist H. S. Morrill has been holding meetings for some time in Iowa. He is giving his time to that kind of work and may be addressed at his home in Aurora, Ill.

Evangelist J. N. Edmondson recently aided Rev. C. P. Greenfield at the South Seventh Street church in Springfield in revival meetings, resulting in many additions to the church. After that he held a meeting with the Olney church. That church has been pastorless for some time, and was very much discouraged. The meetings were helpful to the church. Brother Edmondson's address is Atwood, Ill.

Evangelist J. L. Meads held a four weeks' meeting with the First Church of Alton resulting in sixty-six professions of faith, and the meetings resulted

in quickening the church in spiritual life very much.

Brother Meads began a meeting at Taylorville, but closed it at the end of one week because of the great amount of sickness in the city.

Rev. J. C. Dent aided Rev. W. J. Geen of the South Church in Belvidere a few days in meetings, resulting in much good to the church.

The Cairo papers gave much space to a sermon by Dr. Lamkin, pastor of the First Church, on the subject of the Sabbath closing of the saloons. Dr. Lamkin has a men's Bible class that is scarcely equalled in the state in point of numbers.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Robt. M. Wood has resigned the pastorate of the church at Gifford. Brother Wood has been pastor of that church, in connection with his work of farming a half section of land. The church has been very successful, but he feels that they should have a pastor located in the parsonage.

Rev. John G. Stanton, who was pastor at Buda for several years and closed his work and went back East for a while, writes that he is ready to enter the pastorate again. Some Illinois church would do well to call him.

Rev. Hal E. Norton of Ainsworth, Kansas, has settled in the parsonage as pastor of the Sandwich Church. He will also probably supply the Somonauk Church.

Rev. Myron E. Adams has resigned the pastorate of the First Church in Chicago. During his years of service there he greatly endeared himself not only to the Baptists of Chicago, but to the entire state. We all remember how splendidly and unselfishly he and

his church took care of the State Convention two years ago last fall.

The LaSalle Church has called as its pastor Rev. Arthur E. Myer of Indiana. He has accepted the call.

Rev. J. E. Hart closed his pastorate at Hudson after about three years of work and accepted a call to the Buda Church.

Rev. J. H. Bagwill, who took charge of Chillicothe, Steuben and Sparland churches last fall, a year ago, resigned the Chillicothe charge and accepted a call from Sparland and Steuben for all his time. The growth on those fields has been so rapid that they needed his full time to care for the spiritual welfare of the new members.

A few Baptists got together some time ago in a little town of about 2500 and organized themselves into a Baptist church. They furnish their own place of worship, and support a supply pastor for every Sunday, and did not ask for a dollar of assistance. A neighboring Baptist pastor, across the border in another state, was greatly wrought up over that action of these Baptists; on account of their intruding upon the territory of other denominations, although some of these Baptists had lived there for many years. In a letter which he wrote, he says, "Our national officers, I know, would condemn the building of a church there, no matter what denomination." What does he mean by "our national officers"? To whom has the Baptist denomination delegated authority to say who shall be Baptist and who shall not? If there are those who pretend to assume any such authority, it is time the matter were looked into seriously.

CHRISTIANS MASSACRED

When Turkey entered the war it was feared that the Christian people in her territory would be endangered, but as she was in alliance with Austria and Germany it was hoped that these two so-called Christian nations would restrain her from her barbaric—or rather, savage—practices; but it does not seem to be so. Most awful tragedies are occurring among the Armenian Christians in Asia Minor. The Turkish government seems to have formulated, and is said to be carrying out, a plan to exterminate the Christians of the Armenian race. The following quotation is taken from one of our reliable papers:

"Accounts from different sources agree that over the whole Eastern and Northern Asia Minor, the Christian population is being deliberately exterminated; the men of military age being killed and the younger women seized for Turkish harems, compelled to become Mohammedans, and kept, with the children, in virtual slavery. the old men, women and children are driven into distant parts, where most of them perish from hunger and exposure. In the Trebizond City, where the Armenians number over 10,000, orders came from Constantinople to seize all Armenians. The troops hunted them, drove them to the shore, took them to the sea, threw them overboard and drowned them all—men, women and children." In the present condition of Europe, there is no nation that can stop this awful carnage of helpless people, but Turkey's ally, Germany. This massacre of the Armenians can have no effect whatever on the outcome of the war one way or the other. One single protest from

Germany would stop it, and yet we have not heard one word from Berlin in disapproval of these atrocities. These Armenians are in no way allied with England, France, Italy or Russia, but simply because they are not Mohammedans, but nominal Christians, they are being murdered. It is estimated that 800,000 of them have been killed or exported, and yet Christian Germany and Austria are in alliance with Turkey and seem to be making no protest against these horrors.

The following statement made by the English government will show something of the awful suffering and slaughter in the European War. This statement is concerning British losses at the Dardanelles up to December 11, 1915, and this is but one little section of the great battle fronts.

Killed	24,279
Wounded	75,101
Missing	12,451
Sick in hospitals.....	96,683
Total	208,514

THE CHURCH

Perhaps there is no one religious topic concerning which there is more confusion and less clear thinking than that of the church. I was present in a young people's meeting Sunday evening, January 9th; the topic was "Why Join the Church," and the leader followed the lesson closely as given in Service. But the subject was not clear. There seemed to be confusion, and I found upon reading the lesson carefully that the writer had evidently nev-

er thought clearly on the subject, or if he had, evidently failed to make the lesson clear. He states four things that the church is not, and two things that the church is. He makes no distinction between the church universal and spiritual and the local organized body. He uses the word church in the sense of "the bride of Christ" and the "Body of Christ" and at the same time uses it as a local visible organization. In one sentence he uses the term church as though it embodied all local churches of all denominations, in another sentence as though it referred to one local organization. In answer to his question, "How to join the church?" his only answer is submission to baptism; but while one joins the local visible church by baptism he does not enter into the "Body of Christ" by baptism, nor become united with His "bride" by baptism, that is by regeneration only. This lesson should have explained clearly what a local visible organized church is, as used in the New Testament about ninety times. It should have defined the spiritual, universal, invisible church or Kingdom used in the New Testament about a score of times. And then it should have explained the modern use of the word church when applied to the denominations. Let some one who is capable of doing it, give us a clear-cut article on the church in some one of our denominational weeklies.

ADVERTISING RATES

The rates for advertising in the Bulletin are as follows:

One inch space in one column	
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CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS****Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.****Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron**

The last half of December has been a busy one in the home for both Matron and Superintendent. It is the season of gifts and our little folks in the Home were not forgotten. Many good, useful and valuable gifts were sent in and we take pleasure in thanking our many friends for remembering the children in the Home, many of whom are dependent upon outside folks for even their Christmas gifts. Special mention should be made of the Christmas party given by Mrs. Luce of Oak Park, and her Sunday school class. An excellent program was rendered. Ice cream, cake and candy served and a stocking filled for each child to be hung up Christmas eve.

All gifts this year were far above the average; but the response by way of money did not equal that of last year.

Our family is not so large, but one reason for this is the fact that the Superintendent recently placed eight children in private homes and there are applications now in which if accepted, will fill the Home to its capacity.

The Home is maintained for the protection of needy Baptist children, or those under Baptist guardianship; thus our first duty is to these. Pastors, Sunday school workers and our church people ought to be on the lookout for our own needy ones, and can do good service by calling the Superintendent's attention to such.

The Home is not in the Northern Baptist Convention budget, therefore it is important that the Superintendent be given an opportunity to present the work before the churches.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE**IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS****Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.**

Orphan is defined in the dictionaries as "Having lost one or both parents; deprived of father or mother, or both." Usually it is assumed that the loss of parent is by death. In the child the adjective applies when for any reason the boy or girl is left to shift for itself.

The child whose parents are dead may have sweet memories to cheer it, but the deserted child has only an endless ache in the heart. The Hudelson Baptist Orphanage extends its hospitality to the one as quickly as to the other. Why not?

Ample provisions were made for a Merry Christmas for our boys and girls. Some features were overdone by too many people attempting to buy for our children, instead of sending the money and instructing us to give all of them an equally good time. Some sent the money and it enabled us to take 26 of our oldest boys and girls to Centralia, and turn them loose to spend their own money which was paid to them on a sort of a wage basis. They bought things for themselves, for each other, for some friend of former years, and they even bought something for the matron and the superintendent. They had from 50 cents to \$2.00 each, depending upon the age. Some of them spent all they desired and had some change to bring home with them. It was decidedly the very best Christmas feature they had. They had a meal in a first class restaurant, giving them a touch of the outside world. One little fellow confided to a Knight of the road, "I could have eaten more, but I knew Mr. Kelley had to pay for it, and so I thought I'd better quit."

Foreign and Home Mission Societies

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WHOSE DEBT WOULD IT BE?

The Board of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society went to Los Angeles last May with the recommendation that the Society's budget for this year be reduced \$100,000.00 in order to avoid another deficit. The Convention considered the matter carefully. The question was debated pro and con and finally the Convention voted to authorize the Board to go ahead and expend the \$100,000, placing itself on record as decidedly opposed to retrenchment in our foreign work.

So far, so good. Now suppose we should close the present fiscal year, March 31, 1916, with a deficit. Whose deficit would it be? Who would be responsible for it? Let us assume that the delegates and representatives of the church at Los Angeles who voted for the expenditure of \$100,000 did so with the hope and belief that the denomination at large would justify such an act and raise the money needed. The question before each of us as members of the great Northern Convention therefore is "How far did the action of the Convention reflect the real spirit of the denomination?" In other words, can we make good on the basis of the action at Los Angeles, and close the present year without a deficit?

The action at Los Angeles means that the 15 per cent increase asked by

the Five Year Program Committee will certainly be needed, especially by the Foreign Mission Society, and it means an increase over and above the apportionment, not merely an increase over what was paid by the churches last year.

There are three sources from which such an increase may be secured: (1) Larger subscriptions from those who are now paying; (2) Subscriptions, from now on, from those who have not had a part in our great missionary work; (3) Individual gifts over and above church apportionments. But the goal cannot be reached without effort. Why not call a meeting of some of the most interested people of your church? When the movement has been fairly started with you why not write to other churches in your association stating what you have done, thus "Provoking one another unto good works."

The raising of the \$100,000 and the attainment of the 15 per cent increase for our Societies will also call for a large increase in individual gifts. Many of those whom God has blessed with wealth will not only want to save the day on the \$100,000, but will also want to help create a new spirit in the denomination as we start out on the Five Year Program.

J. Y. Aitchison,
Joint District Secretary.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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Happy New Year, dear Illinois Baptist Women! How may each day of 1916 be happy? *By serving others.* Our denominational leaders have put a great objective before us—it means *service, service*, this year as never before. Your state officers are planning a great campaign to be held during February in Illinois. Its primary object is to give every one a more comprehensive idea of our part of the Five Year Program. At some central place in your association there is to be a series of meetings, a conference, which you are most earnestly urged to attend. On another page find where and when your Associational Conference will convene. We are expecting to have a representative woman at each conference. We hope to have some one from our Mission Fields. Dear Co-laborer, if you wish to see God's work advance begin now to pray, plan, push, for these conferences. God needs you. He needs us. The world needs our united efforts. Receive help and inspiration; give help and inspiration—this is our New Year greeting to you.

Mrs. W. P. Topping.
Mrs. Milton Shirk,
Mrs. J. D. Louderback.

Time now to work up a Co-operative Department in your Mission Circle. Copies of plan are one cent each, at 706 Douglas ave., Elgin, Illinois.

Letter recently sent by one of our Associational presidents to her Circles:

Greetings for the New Year to the members of the Circle.

I would like to suggest that you give a part of the time at your January meeting to a prayer service.

Pray for a greater interest in your Woman's Mission Circle.

Pray for a wider knowledge of the needs of the Mission Fields.

Pray for an increase in gifts.

Pray that your apportionment may be fully met.

Pray for the women in the Aurora Association.

Pray for the Mid Year Conference to be held the first week in March in the First Baptist church, Aurora.

Pray that we may fully co-operate in the Five Year Program.

May the year 1916 bring the richest blessings and greatest victories in the history of your church.

Yours sincerely,

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Have you an Illinois Prayer Cycle hanging in your room? January topics are, first week, Alton Association; second week, Miss Prudence Worley and her work in China; third week, Aurora Association; fourth week, Miss Margaret Renshaw, in Cuba; Miss N. Adell Martin, in Porto Rico. Do not forget to pray for these special Illinois girls and Associations.

Orders for "State Afternoon" programs are coming in. Remember we need the State Expense Fund sent to Mrs. H. W. Tate, this month.

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An appeal made under date of November 10th, has brought fifty-six entries in the "Standard" Work Campaign, to run from December 1, 1915, through April 23, 1916. This is a slight increase over previous records, and we trust the results will show a large advance in the number of "Standard" unions. Illinois will be content with nothing less than first place in this respect, when the 23rd International Convention meets in Chicago July 6-9, 1916.

Chicago is actively engaged in preparation for this event. Judging from the magnitude of their plans, the event will, doubtless, be without parallel in the history of our organization or denomination. The State Union hopes to give valuable assistance to the Chicago young people in the promotion of their undertaking, and we look to the locals to lend co-operation to all endeavors. Every local should have a large delegation in attendance.

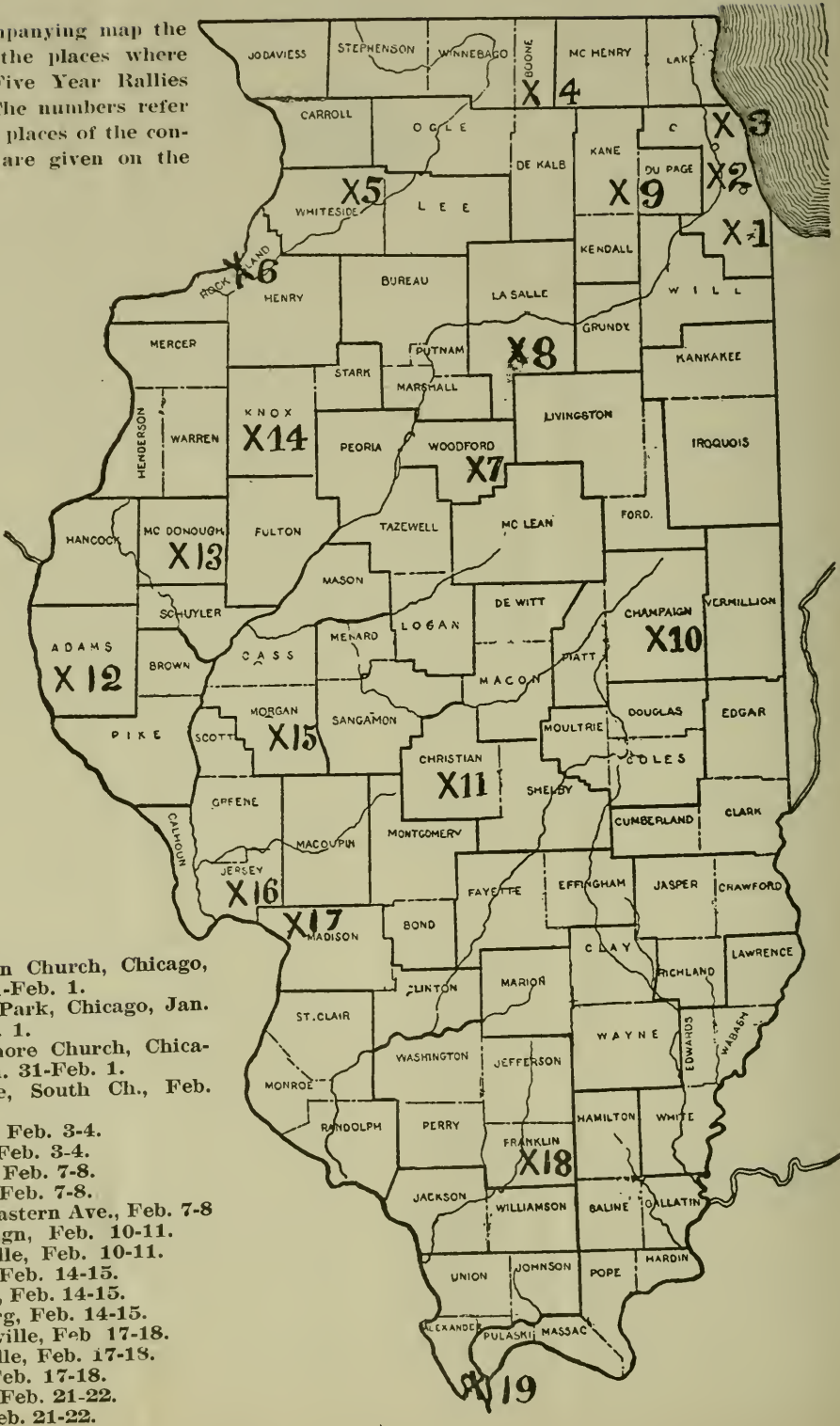
Plans have also been inaugurated for a second Illinois Baptist Assembly at Quiver Lake, Havana. The com-

mittee appointees of the State Convention, Aurora, met recently in Peoria, and promise diligent effort to make the next assembly an even greater success than the first.

The B. Y. P. U. of Bloomfield Association held a successful School of Methods on November 26th, in Mattoon. The program included among other speakers, Mrs. A. P. Renn and Revs. Morris, Bryant and Lively.

Ottawa Association has presented strong evidence of life. Two unions have been re-organized, others report an increased membership, and the interest generally is at high pitch. Oglesby union were recent hosts at a booster banquet and inspirational service, featuring an address by Rev. Norman B. Henderson, of Irving Park, Chicago. Princeton union gave an "Os-ka-wa-wa" banquet on December 10th, the program embracing reports of the Oakland, Cal., convention, and a strong address by Rev. A. P. Wallace, of Rogers Park, Chicago. LaSalle, Oglesby, Ottawa and Walnut were largely represented at the latter event.

On this accompanying map the cross indicates the places where the February Five Year Rallies will be held. The numbers refer to the dates and places of the conferences which are given on the margin.



1. Woodlawn Church, Chicago, Jan. 31-Feb. 1.
2. Garfield Park, Chicago, Jan. 31-Feb. 1.
3. North Shore Church, Chicago, Jan. 31-Feb. 1.
4. Belvidere, South Ch., Feb. 3-4.
5. Sterling, Feb. 3-4.
6. Moline, Feb. 3-4.
7. El Paso, Feb. 7-8.
8. Ottawa, Feb. 7-8.
9. Joliet, Eastern Ave., Feb. 7-8
10. Champaign, Feb. 10-11.
11. Taylorville, Feb. 10-11.
12. Quincy, Feb. 14-15.
13. McComb, Feb. 14-15.
14. Galesburg, Feb. 14-15.
15. Jacksonville, Feb. 17-18.
16. Jerseyville, Feb. 17-18.
17. Alton, Feb. 17-18.
18. Benton, Feb. 21-22.
19. Cairo, Feb. 21-22.

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THE ANNUAL



The Annual has now been printed and distributed among the churches. Some brethren were a little impatient in waiting for it, but not so much so as the editor. Our printers were very prompt, and within about two weeks after we gave them the last of the tables the Annual was printed and bound.

The Wood River and East Mt. Olive Associations got out their minutes on time, but the other three negro associations had to be repeated from last year; they are almost always a year behind in their reports, but beside these colored associations we were not able to get reports from eight white associations. These, however, were nearly all small, and all but one report almost nothing for missions, and that only had ten churches, so that giving their statistics one year late does not affect the final total very much. We have the reports of thirty-seven associations up to date, and eleven repeated from last year, but we usually have to put in the statistics of eight or ten associations from the minutes of the year before. However, they are, in most cases, the same associations, so it does not affect the reports as a whole except that some of them are one year late. But it seems strange

that an association should elect a clerk who cannot get out a little minute in three or four months that an energetic business man could get out and distribute in a week or ten days. We have made a great improvement on the Annual this year, so that now we think we have one of the best published by any state. It is a book of 227 pages, with ninety-eight pages of statistics, beside an alphabetical list of churches, with the names of the associations to which they belong, and an alphabetical list of the ordained ministers with their post office addresses, and with the names and addresses of pastors, clerks, Sunday school superintendents, B. Y. P. U. presidents, and presidents of the Women's Societies, so far as these could be secured from the minutes of the local associations. We now have 22 sets of statistics for every church in the state.

The reports from the churches show one of the best years in the history of the denomination. According to the summary, we now have 1279 churches. The churches reported last year 10,163 baptisms, the largest number in the history of the denomination in the state. There was a net increase of 6,181 members, making a present total member-

ship in the state of 161,959. Of this number, 12,903 are reported as non-resident members. The Sunday schools show a membership of 114,919, a gain over last year of 6,411 members. The amounts reported for the various missionary objects averaged about the same as the year before. The total amount given for home expenses was \$1,018,547.64. The total amount given for benevolent and missionary objects was \$208,261.87.

The total amount of church property reported (not for schools), is \$7,909,-948.00. The Baptists are getting to be a great host in Illinois, with almost unlimited resources. We rejoice and take courage in what we are doing; but feel that we are in no measure coming up to the measure of our possibilities. May we not hope for much larger things next year?

During the month of January the editor had been suffering with some symptoms of lagrippe. On January 9th he was away from home in very foggy, damp weather, and preached with 101 degrees temperature, but on Monday he was better, and on the following Friday, Saturday and Sunday was on the field in bitter cold weather with only a part of a night's sleep for three nights. He pushed on through the following week to get all the material for the Annual in the printers' hands, and on Saturday, the 22nd, spent the forenoon in Bloomington in a heavy rain attending to printing business. About twelve o'clock he went to his physician, who found that his temperature was 102. For several days fol-

lowing he was wholly irrational, but by good medical attendance and nursing was able to do some office work in two weeks; however his physician will not allow him to leave home for five weeks.

This is written as an apology to my many correspondents for neglecting to answer their letters, and for being unable to do anything toward carrying out the Five-Year Program rallies in the month of February.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING JANUARY

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Chicago, Englewood Church.....	\$42.05
Chicago, First Church	15.00
Chicago, Irving Park Church.....	11.40
Chicago, Memorial Church.....	25.00
Chicago, North Shore Church.....	70.00
Chicago, Second Church.....	50.00
Chicago, Woodlawn Church	12.55
Chrisman Church	4.30
Clissold, H. R. and wife, Morgan Pk. Ch., on Hopkins Pk. Ch. Fund....	25.00
Collected on Mission Fields.....	140.32
Curry, A. A., Pisgah Ch., on Hopkins Park Church Fund.....	100.00
Evanston First Church.....	16.67
Hoopeston Church	7.96
Interest	75.00
Jerseyville Church	26.47
Lexington Church	3.05
Manning, R. E., Chgo.- Garfield Pk. Ch., on Hopkins Pk. Ch. Fund.....	100.00
Megan, J. W., Bushnell Ch., on Hopkins Pk. Ch. Fund.....	5.00
Monmouth Church	14.50
Mt. Zion Church (Palestin Assn.) ..	9.00
Normal Church	11.00
Nuveen, John, Chgo., Immanuel Ch. On Hopkins Pk. Church Fund....	35.00
Oak Park First Church.....	33.75
Received on Cut.....	1.50
Rinewalt, J. M., Mt. Carroll Ch. on Hopkins Park Ch. Fund.....	25.00
Rockford, State Street Church.....	22.00
Rock Island Assn. Missionary Com.	41.67
St. Charles Meeting House, rent....	7.00
Supply	5.77
University Ch. Fund, received during January	285.00
Upper Alton Church.....	7.50
Total	\$1228.46

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WHILE the mailing list of the Bulletin is now larger than ever, yet it would have been much larger if so many had not forgotten the blue mark (X) on the margin.

THE main object of the February Five-Year Program rallies was to get as many local churches committed to the Five-Year Program as possible.

A co-operating church in the Five-Year Program is one that

1. Approves the Five-Year Program of the Northern Baptist Convention.
2. Votes to co-operate in accomplishing the goals of that program.
3. Appoints a Five-Year Program Committee.

GOALS for the Co-operating church:

1. One new follower of Christ annually for every eight members.
2. One minister or missionary produced from its membership during the first five-year period.
3. One of its young people in college for every 100 members or major fraction thereof.
4. Gifts by individuals (in addition to church offerings) and legacies and

annuities for Baptist missionary, benevolent and educational work.

5. A fifteen per cent increase each year in offerings to missionary benevolence.

IF THERE was ever a time when the denomination should rally to the support of the State Convention in Illinois, it is now. Greater demands are made upon the Convention than ever before; this is not only for missionary work, but almost everything that pertains to the interest of the denomination.

THE ANNUAL, that has just been published, a book of 227 pages, with 98 pages of statistics, required much time and labor to edit, and expense to print, and cost about \$70.00 postage to send through the mails, wholly at the expense of the State Convention, and yet every other Baptist society and institution gets the same benefit from it as the Convention.

THE Convention is glad to serve the denomination in this efficient and costly way, but we do feel that the churches and individuals when making up their missionary money and special gifts, should not make the Convention the last thing to be considered and if there is any lack in making up the budget, let the loss fall upon the State Convention.

SINCE we have been co-operating together in the budget plan, the denomination has failed to reach the State Convention budget far beyond that of any other society. Why is this, because there is opposition to the State Convention? Not at all; but because for more than thirty years the State Convention in Illinois has been looked upon as an institution of minor importance.

STATE Convention affairs are getting better. Its stock is looking up. It is gradually gaining in the estimation of the people. It is coming into its own. It will yet occupy the place in the hearts of the people and in the denominational machinery that it ought to occupy.

The editor takes this occasion to thank the many people who sent messages of sympathy to his office during the few weeks he was laid by with sickness. He does not feel that he deserves so many expressions of sympathy. He does not feel that he has been over-working, but only trying to discharge, as best he can, his duties as he sees them.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

There was not as much emphasis laid upon the birthday of Lincoln this year as upon the 100th anniversary of his birth, but each year one is reminded of the growing greatness of the martyred president. It appears that almost every scrap of all that Lincoln ever wrote, and all his sayings and acts, are being written up and called to memory. Shortly after the war Grant and Sherman and Lee and other prominent men of the war and, other men who were great statesmen, such as James G. Blaine and James A. Garfield, and such orators as Henry Ward Beecher, and such editors as Horace Greeley were much talked of, but now all these are rapidly waning before the increasing brightness of the life of Abraham Lincoln. No American ever had such a task as President Lincoln. The double task of saving this union, the greatest union of sovereign states the world had ever known, and of releasing from bondage about 3,500,000 slaves, and

of smashing an institution 250 years old, that was woven into the very warp and woof of our civilization; to do this against a solid and united South, well prepared for war, with the North wholly unprepared and badly divided, was stupendous; the ability to carry the country through such a crisis as this, save the union, and abolish slavery, is what makes Abraham Lincoln stand out today as the greatest statesman, and one of the noblest characters that America has ever produced.

OPEN MEMBERSHIP AND FEDERATED CHURCHES

A federated church is one in which two denominations join in worship under one pastor, and hold their services together in one place. They are practically one church, but hold their separate organizations for the time being, and report to their separate denominational bodies and send their missionary offerings each to its former denominational societies. They have one pastor who may be a member of one or the other of the churches, or he may belong to a third denomination. This plan is of necessity only a temporary make-shift, for in time the church will go to pieces or line up with one or the other of the denominations. When a Baptist church becomes federated with a pedo-Baptist church, it practically ceases to exist, for while it may call itself Baptist for a little while, it has surrendered the vital distinctive principles for which Baptists stand, and all that is left it is an empty shell that is not worth holding. Two evangelical local pedo-Baptist churches might federate and change their name and unite with a third pedo-Baptist denomination as I have known them to do, and not

be required to surrender any vital truth or important principle. And so the Baptists and Separate Baptists, or Free Baptists, confederate without compromising one vital principle, but Baptists and pedit-Baptists cannot do it without the Baptists ceasing to be Baptists, and accepting the principle of infant baptism and sprinkling instead of immersion.

An open-membership church is one that receives members without any regard to baptism. An open-membership Baptist church may have half or three-fourths of its members sprinkled in infancy, instead of having been immersed upon a profession of faith, but whether there be few or many unbaptized persons in the church, such church is Baptist in name only. It surrendered one of the fundamental principles that made it a Baptist church.

And yet, it is surprising how persistent a few men are in trying to break down the Baptist position of scriptural baptism. And some of the arguments that everyone of these men use would be amusing if it were not so serious. And some of the men who use these arguments want to be regarded as authorities in Baptist affairs. Almost invariably the first argument offered is that some English Baptist churches practice open membership.

Well, it is admitted that they do; but what of it? There is no comparison between conditions surrounding the Baptists in England and those in America. The evangelical churches of America do not have to contend against a bigoted, haughty, over-bearing state supported church as they do in England. And while the Baptists seemed almost compelled to form a close alliance with other free churches

in England for their very existence, yet under those circumstances it was evidently a great mistake and source of weakness instead of strength. For this reason the Baptist churches of England, where they have practiced open membership, are not as strong today as they were fifty years ago; while in America—where open membership was never talked of until quite recently—the Baptists have more than doubled in membership. In Illinois during the past fifty years the Baptists have more than trebled in numbers. Why, then, should we want to “ape” the English Baptists in this regard? Why do not these wise (?) Baptist leaders insist that because the English have a government which is a hereditary monarchy, we Americans should long for a King George instead of a President Wilson. This is the English Baptist argument. Some of the English have practiced open membership and the denomination has gradually gone back; the American Baptist churches have rejected open membership and have grown by “leaps and bounds”; therefore, the successful Americans should surrender their position for the unsuccessful English Baptists! But Illinois Baptists do not propose to do this.

At the Convention in Aurora last October, when the report of the Committee on Federation was read, the following resolution was adopted:

“Resolved, that the report be adopted with the understanding that in its adoption the Convention does not endorse the organization of union churches in the home or foreign field.”

Also, the Committee on Resolutions introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, that in view of the evident tendency toward the weakening of our denominational standards, we reaffirm our uncompromising loyalty to Scriptural baptism as a prerequisite to membership in a Baptist church, and we urge our associations to withdraw fellowship from any church that admits members without such baptism."

CHURCHES

Rev. H. Weddington has been pastor of the Raritan church for four years. Recently a large harvest was gathered into the church as a result of a union meeting held by Evangelist H. S. Morrill and wife. Fifty-four persons were received for baptism, five by experience and four by restoration, out of a total of eighty-three professions. The pastor speaks well of the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Morrill.

On January 1st, the entire New Testament was read through at the First Church of Jacksonville. Reading began at six a.m. and was finished at 8 p.m. During the week of prayer sixteen cottage prayer meetings were held in connection with the church, four meetings on each of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, and a central meeting at the church on Wednesday evening. Rev. Percy W. Stephens is the pastor.

"The annual meeting of the Berlin Baptist church occurred on January 5. A large number were present despite the very unfavorable condition of roads and weather. It was a most pleasurable occasion, beginning with supper in the basement. In the business session following, all of the former officers of the church and Sunday school were returned to office. Never has it been the pleasure of the pastor to preside at

an annual church meeting where the spirit of Christian fellowship and hearty good will more thoroughly prevailed." —A. W. Judd, pastor.

Rev. Percy W. Stephens of Jacksonville, conducted a revival meeting at Waverly early in January. At the close of ten days forty-seven had professed conversion, and Mr. Stephens was taken sick and had to abandon the work, and his singer was taken sick with a severe cold at the close of the first week.

The Big Rock church, of which Rev. W. F. Huxford is pastor, recently had a very encouraging annual meeting. The roll call was largely attended, and the people "are all saying a new spiritisms are expected soon.

The work in the church at Buda, of which Rev. J. E. Hart recently became pastor, is very encouraging. The annual dinner and business meeting in December was a most enjoyable affair. Every organization connected with the church gave a full report of the year's work. Each showed a balance in the treasury. All obligations of the church were met and almost \$700 raised for improvements. The Five-Year Program was endorsed by the church.

The missionary committee of the Memorial church of Chicago on December 28th, 1915, recommended the following budget for Baptist Missionary work: Foreign Mission Society, \$300; Home Mission Society, \$300; Publication Society, \$30; M. and M. Benefit Board, \$40; Northern Baptist Convention, \$40; State Convention, \$100; Christian Education \$30; Baptist Executive Council, \$100; total \$940.

Rev. Jesse Hyde, pastor at Belleville, sends in thirty subscriptions for the

Bulletin, and reports encouraging work at that place. Since he came to that church about one year ago, there have been thirty additions, fourteen of them by baptism. The services are reported to be keeping up well, and the Sunday school growing in interest and attendance.

The Second Baptist church in Johnson City sends in a club of twenty subscriptions for the Bulletin. The pastor, Rev. Arthur E. Cox, writes encouragingly of the work in that place although he recognizes that it is difficult. The congregations are good and while they do not have any people of large financial strength, they have "a number of loyal hearts."

Rev. T. B. Frary, pastor of the First Baptist church of Benton, has been assisting of a ten days' campaign of special meetings in Centralia. The interest was good at the beginning of the meetings, but we have not learned the final results of the campaign.

Rev. M. P. Boynton assisted Rev. B. E. Allen in a series of meetings at the Osceola church. This is the third different season that Brother Boynton has assisted in meetings in that country church.

The Minonk church, under the pastorate of Rev. J. C. Oranger, continues to have considerable prosperity. During the year seventy have united with the church, forty-eight by baptism. The average attendance during the year in the Sunday school was 207—twenty-two not having missed a Sunday in the year, and four have attended every Sunday in two years. December 19, they conducted an every-member canvass which resulted in twenty pledges and an increase of \$800 subscribed over last year. It proved to be a day of

great blessing to the church as well as to those who made the canvass.

The three churches in Towanda joined in a union meeting, the pastors doing the preaching. The interest was good. The Baptist church, of which Rev. Chas. H. Davies is pastor, received seven members. Others are seriously considering the matter of church membership.

On February 6th, a union meeting was begun at Forest City with an evangelistic party from Moody Institute. On Thursday night, February 10th, there were sixteen seekers in the inquiry room, and some of them had professed conversion.

Rev. J. M. Pierce, who has been pastor at Princeton less than a year, and his wife are greatly encouraged with their work. Since he became pastor, there have been forty-five additions to the church, nearly all of them adults, twenty by baptism. The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. are making decided progress.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. R. S. Mackey, who was for several years pastor of the Sadorus church, has accepted a call to the Baptist church at Warren. The Warren church is one of our most efficient smaller churches, with splendid property, and Brother Mackey is one of our very excellent pastors. We are glad that he is located at that place.

Rev. L. W. Hostetter, who has been pastor for a little less than two years at Cordova, has received a unanimous call to the Edgewood church at Rock Island. It will be unfortunate for the Cordova field for him to give up that work, as he is greatly appreciated, but he will also have a great opportunity on the Edgewood field.

ERRORS IN THE ANNUAL

It is almost impossible to publish a book like the Annual and be able to avoid all errors. The superintendent was not able to read some of the final proof, and was compelled to trust it to others, and therefore a few errors occurred that might otherwise have been corrected. It is exceedingly difficult to avoid errors in the ministers' list. There are perhaps, 300 names to be corrected or changed in some way each year. Last year, when the final corrections were made, there was an error in my own name. I want to call attention to two errors that I have so far noticed in the ministers' list of the Annual this year. The name of Rev. J. W. Merrill, clerk of the Chicago Association, was from some cause, dropped out, and Rev. L. D. Lamkin, D.D., pastor at Cairo, was not inserted by the printer. There may be others that I have not noticed.

There are also two errors that I have noticed in the pastors of churches. By an error in copying, the First Church of Rock Island is reported without a pastor, while Dr. H. W. Reed has been the beloved and successful pastor of that church for more than a dozen years, and was never stronger on the field than now. Also the Carthage Church is reported pastorless, which is an error. Rev. J. M. Jones has been the pastor there for over a year, and is doing very satisfactory work.

We are sorry any of these errors should have occurred, and they perhaps might not if I had been able to do the final proof reading.

AN OVERSIGHT

In the January number of the Bulletin we gave a cut of the Plainfield

meeting house and its pastor, Rev. T. C. Probert, and stated that the work of re-building had been written up in the December number. This we had intended to do, but failed to do it. In justice to the pastor and church we do it now.

Brother Probert has been pastor for several years, and a year ago last summer he and his people undertook to repair and modernize their meeting house, which they did to the extent of about \$4,000. In December, 1914, while the house was being frescoed, it caught fire from the furnace at night, and was completely destroyed. Although the people were greatly discouraged, they undertook work again, and last summer built a fine, modern meeting house. The building and grounds are worth \$11,000. The time set for dedication was Sunday, November 21. The Superintendent of Missions was invited to assist in dedication. There was a debt of about \$2100. I preached a short sermon, and after preaching, raised \$2500 in less than an hour. \$2,200 was subscribed before we dropped below \$50 pledges. The Ladies' Aid obligated themselves heavily, and I raised \$300 to help them out. A young ladies' class had put in the lights at a cost of \$150 and pledged \$200 more. I raised \$100 to help them out. We had three large congregations that day and strong services. For about four or more years Pastor Probert and his wife have wrought faithfully on that field. I have never known a more united church, nor one working in more complete harmony with the pastor. It was one of the most enjoyable dedication services I ever attended.

The following quotation from the Standard of January 8th, has such a positive and timely note in it that I quote it for the benefit of Bulletin readers. I want to assure Dr. Gray that in this attitude he can depend upon the rank and file of Illinois Baptists to stand with him:

"Union at Any Price"

With the doctrine of peace at any price we have little patience. There are some things which are worse than war. We have still less patience with the doctrine of church union at any price. Denominationalism has its evils, but there are infinitely worse situations than that which is produced by denominational rivalry.

The time has come for the Baptists of the North to face frankly the situation and assume a definite attitude toward it. Those who have been following the discussion in The Standard of Mr. Munger's article on "Philippine Church Union" are aware that both in India and in Burma it is a live issue. This week we print the first of two articles by Dr. Bruce Kinney, which make it plain as a pikestaff that we have reached a point where we can no longer evade the issue. We have some rather definite opinions on this matter, and we propose to present the subject at length from time to time before our readers. We are convinced that the whole future of our Northern Baptist Convention is vitally related to the way in which this question is answered and we believe that the time has come to define our attitude toward it."

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. V. Colbert has just closed a meeting with the Second Church in Mt. Vernon. It is reported to have been a great spiritual uplift with seventeen additions to the church. A club of twenty subscribers was secured for the Bulletin.

Rev. W. R. Johnson, our State Convention Missionary, undertook a meeting at the country church at Bloomfield in the Morgan-Scott County Association, but was compelled to close on account of the bad roads. He is now in the midst of special meetings at Stonington, assisting Dr. F. W. Parsons at the New Stonington church.

Rev. N. T. Hafer held a meeting of two weeks with the Basco church, assisting the pastor, Rev. J. L. Henry of Elvaston. Many unavoidable hindrances such as bad weather, bad roads, sickness, and other things worked against the success of the meeting, but the pastor says, "Notwithstanding this, we had a good meeting, but not as many conversions and additions as we had hoped for, but the church was put on a better footing. We re-organized and adopted a constitution drawn up by Brother Hafer which will put us in a much better shape for our future work." A good financial offering was made, and the pastor says, "The people praise Brother Hafer very highly, and I think he was the man for the place. I thank the Board for its assistance."

The Fairfield church, of which Rev. W. R. Crume is our missionary pastor, had a very successful meeting some time ago. There were twenty-seven conversions, twenty were baptized and received into the church. There were eighteen additions by letter and others interested who will probably come in later. The Sunday school now has an enrollment of 115 and an average attendance of 95.

Rev. J. B. Little, our missionary pastor at Hopkins Park, writes that notwithstanding the very cold weather, the church building is moving along nicely, and they hope to have it ready for dedication in a few weeks. He is also supplying Grant Park church and reported good interest at the last meeting there.

Rev. W. R. Johnson reported that during the first few days of his meeting at Bloomfield, a country church where he had to close on account of bad roads, that he had good congregation, and fully three-fourths of them

were un-converted people. We do not have such opportunities to reach the un-converted in any of our towns and cities as we do in the open country.

Rev. L. E. Ellison, pastor at Plymouth and Colchester churches, assisted by Miss Goldie Whitsell, held meetings for two weeks in the fore part of January at Colchester which will result in six or seven additions to the church. In the latter part of January and the forepart of February they held meetings at Plymouth resulting in thirty-five professions of faith and a general awakening of the town. Brother Ellison has been on that field only a few weeks, and Miss Whitsell has been proving herself to be quite a successful evangelist for the past two years in that part of the state. She came from the Presbyterians to the Baptists, because of conscientious convictions on the subject of baptism.

Our associational missionary for the Bloomfield association, Rev. L. B. Trites, is doing strenuous work in the vicinity of Danville, and is having some encouragement for a successful work. There have been some baptisms at Grape Creek and some improvement of financial conditions at Hillery.

One who is well acquainted with religious work at the state universities all over this country recently stated that in his opinion from all viewpoints, the Baptist work being done at the State University of Illinois surpasses that of any other state university in the country. Brother Bryant is greatly encouraged with his work among the students this year.

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Maywood, Illinois

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We are glad to present a cheering message, especially to those who have helped make it possible. The \$5,000 which was pledged to the Home on condition that we raise \$5,000 more for the Endowment Fund, has been secured and paid into our treasury. The Board of Managers, who are responsible for the running expenses of the Home were able to close the year with all bills paid. Through the generosity of a member of the Board of Directors we have the much needed storm windows on the north side of our building. Our store room is packed with canned fruits, jellies, etc., sent from churches and individuals in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and one barrel from away up in Minnesota. Our laundry has lost some of that lonesome helpless look, because the ladies of the First Baptist church of Evanston have placed there an electric washing machine. We are so grateful we cannot refrain from saying, "praise the Lord!" and hereby extend to all who have had a part in any of this, our sincere thanks.

Much sickness in the Home has necessitated special nurses and money is badly needed for a resident nurse. Who will speed the time when we may have a properly equipped hospital department?

Pastors, please either put the Old Peoples Home in your budget, as provided for among benevolences in the Five Year Program, or open the way otherwise for your people to contribute to this Christ-like work.

SOME INCONSISTENCIES

It is remarkable how some great men will set up "straw men" for the fun of knocking them down. At the meeting of the Baptist Social Union in Chicago February 1st, Dr. W. C. Bitting of St. Louis was the speaker. Dr. Bitting's genial disposition, and splendid ability as a speaker, make him a welcome guest in almost any Baptist gathering, but it is known by all well-posted Baptists that he represents the extreme liberal wing of the denomination. In his Chicago speech as reported, he said "What have Baptists to give the world that demands a separate organization? It is not to be believed that baptism is all there is. There is not enough behind that piece of formalism to command the energies of an entire people." Now there never was an intelligent Baptist, living or dead, who believed that baptism was *all* the Baptists had to give to the world, nor the most important thing we have to give to the world. Why set up this man of straw for the sport of knocking him down? It is true that nearly all Baptists living now, and who have lived in the past, believe that baptism is one of the fundamental Baptist principles that they will never surrender.

Again, he is reported to have said, "Baptists must believe that there is no authority but Jesus Christ Himself." There has never been an intelligent Baptist who did not exalt Jesus Christ as of supreme authority. It is almost an insult to a Baptist to call that in question. But what did Jesus command concerning baptism, for baptism was the thought Dr. Bitting seemed to have in mind when he made this statement. Matt. 28:19: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing

them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Loyalty to Jesus Christ, and to His commandments is a fundamental Baptist principle. We are glad Dr. Bitting emphasized it so strongly in his Chicago speech.

PERSONAL

Mrs. C. B. Aldrich, who has been spending some time at Cooper Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, and is well known among the churches of the Aurora Association and some other parts of Illinois, is thinking of returning to this state. She is willing to assist pastors or take up missionary work. Those who know her recognize her ability as a speaker and a worker. If any pastor or church, however small the interest may be, desires her assistance, they can communicate with her.

The February Five-Year Program rallies in Illinois have met with many unforeseen difficulties. Two of the original three directors have been sick. Two large laymen's missionary meetings have been conducted at the same time. Almost all the work of getting out nineteen programs had to be transferred wholly to Dr. Aitchison's office, and he has been compelled to do almost three men's work for several weeks. Yet many pastors have volunteered their assistance and have helped out very much. Rev. D. H. MacGillivray gave the committee several days' work. A portion of the meetings have been held at this time. I have heard directly from four or five of them, and while the attendance was not large, quite a large number of churches were represented and the interest was good.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS
Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.

The children of our Home have enjoyed splendid health throughout the entire month. Even that unwelcome visitor, Mr. LaGrippe, has been kind enough to pass us by.

Finances have been coming up during the month; many belated sustaining pledge payments have come in and we hope that other friends with pledges yet unpaid and long past due, will favor us with a cash response in the near future.

The matron leads family worship every morning. Each child memorizes a Bible verse for his part in the worship. In the evening the care takers conduct a short Bible study; two sacred song services are held during the week.

Mrs. Henry Merrill of Austin has charge of the Sunday afternoon services. Through faithful and efficient management, they are growing in interest. At Christmas she gave each child a Bible. The Home feels that in her it has a friend indeed; having given freely to the Master of her time and energy; she has a thorough understanding of institutional work, and her advice is invaluable to the Home.

Several of our children have already been brought to Christ, among them two Chinese boys, who have offered themselves to the Central Baptist church for baptism. Through the children we hope to shape the destiny of our country in the future, and the bringing of them to Christ is the only thing that will assure a good citizenship. Then again Christian boys and girls will help make Christians by way of leading others to Christ.

We began the month of February with sixty-two children in residence. During the Winter thus far we have been peculiarly free from even bad colds, a matter of great importance where so many children are involved and help scarce.

CHRISTMAS INCOME

A good many people and churches or Sunday schools sent us cash offerings, but a few sent only some worn and moth eaten garments, many of them none too clean. The danger in sending to our orphanages old and unlaundered garments is scarcely appreciated by many well meaning people. The fact that we were recently asked to accept all of the clothing of a woman who had died of consumption, may suggest a warning to those sending garments to us. All garments intended for this institution, or any other, should be placed in the care of some wise committee, who would sort them and send only what would be of some service to us.

Then too, such a contribution should not be allowed to interfere with the cash offerings without which we simply cannot support our orphanages. It would greatly embarrass us to have the Master say on that great day, "I was hungry and ye sent me nothing to eat; I was naked and you sent me some old, unclean, moth-eaten garments, most of them entirely too large or too small for me to wear." Of course he may not be taking any notice of what we Baptists of Illinois are doing for the homeless, the hungry and the naked; but if he should?

Foreign and Home Mission Societies

REV. J. Y. AITCHISON, D.D., Joint District Secretary

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J. Y. Aitchison, Editor

ENCOURAGING REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

A recent letter from Rev. W. F. Huxford, pastor at Big Rock, says, "I am delighted to inform you that at the end of a week of prayer and consultation, and in spite of weather, we decided last night, with more of a show of enthusiasm than I have seen in this place, to adopt the Five-Year Program. I believe we can more than make up our 15 per cent increase by the end of the year.

A recent letter from Mr. J. J. Fraser, superintendent of the Sunday school of the Second Baptist church, Chicago, says: "The Second Baptist school has officially adopted a missionary budget for 1916 which includes \$500 toward the support of a helper for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Metzger, Thumbiri, Congo. We are making our offering weekly, and after five weeks we have passed the \$65.00 mark. We have a pretty definite plan of missionary education in our school for some years, but have not linked up this education program with a definite plan of regular contributions to missionary work until now."

Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, pastor of the Hyde Park Baptist church, writes recently stating that their budget for the Foreign Mission Society for the year ending April 1st, 1915, was \$1400.00; total benevolence \$4915.00. They paid

\$300.00 toward the deficits and have now adopted a budget of \$5800.00, having also added \$300.00 to their foreign mission budget for this year in order to help meet the \$100,000.00 which the Northern Baptist Convention requested the Board of our Foreign Mission Society to place back in their budget. This will make a total contribution from this church for foreign missions this year of \$2000.00.

Dr. Gilkey also states that they have considered carefully and prayerfully the Five-Year Program, and after listening to several very earnest addresses on "The Spiritual and Personal Responsibilities," involved in same, the church formally took action at a prayer meeting, after a week's previous notice, with the result that "every member of the church pledged himself personally to the program by rising." Dr. Gilkey adds: "It was one of the most impressive meetings I have ever seen in our church."

Dr. Ebersole of the North Shore Baptist church, says: "You will be gratified to know that the Five-Year Program Conference on the North Side was a great success. The program could not have been built any better.

We would like to have reports from other churches which are taking similar actions.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

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The Illinois Prayer Cycle is as good this month as last. Have you one? The topics are, first week, Bloomfield Association; second week, Miss Sarah J. Higby, Miss Stella S. Hartfield, of Burma; third week, Bloomington Association; fourth week, the Sisters Alta and Stella Ragon in Burma

According to orders for pennants, souvenirs, etc., the following societies have held an Illinois afternoon: Normal, Macomb, Sandwich, Paris, Austin First, Rockford First, Fairmount, Ottawa, Barry, Lincoln, Berwick, Benton, Decatur, Roodhouse, Morgan Park, Roseville, Lexington, Berwyn, Earlville, Kinderhook, Colchester, Englewood. It can be one of your most interesting and instructive meetings. Has your society sent its State Expense Fund? If not, please do so.

We are happy to welcome to our ranks, two fine college girls, who have been appointed as World Wide Guild Directors for Illinois. Their motto is "Worth While Girls—We will Grow." There are thirty-three chapters in Illinois. They expect seventy-six by the first of March. Are the young women of your church enrolled as a chapter? Write to Miss Ruth Ager, 1316 Madison Park, Chicago, or Miss Gladys Topping, 706 Douglas Ave., Elgin, who has been appointed to the place made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Har-

vey A. Bush, who has served so long and faithfully—and find out about it.

We only recently learned of the resignation of Mrs. H. N. Pearce as foreign secretary of the Bloomington Association, and wish to make especial mention because of the length of her service. For nineteen years she has written letters, gathered reports and assisted in making programs, always giving her best efforts to advance the cause of woman's missions. For the fifteen years we served as state secretary we always knew the reports would be on time, and well prepared, and that any request which might be made would receive prompt attention. Much credit is due her for the growth of missionary interest in the association. Mrs. Lewis R. Evans of El Paso has been appointed to the position.

Mrs. A. E. Shoemaker has resigned as foreign secretary of the Quincy Association. For nine years she has held the position. For five of these we were associated together and have pleasant memories of her faithful service.

Mrs. G. A. Rowton of Palmyra has been appointed Home Director of the Macoupin Association and Mrs. L. S. Shumaker of Paris for the Bloomfield Association to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. W. H. Beeby who for several years has given excellent and faithful service.

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Much interest has been awakened in anticipation of the 23d international convention, to be held in Chicago on July 6-9th, which occasion will mark the 25th anniversary of the B. Y. P. U. of A., organized in July, 1891, in Chicago. The fact that this year's meeting will celebrate the silver organization anniversary has incited Chicago young people to plan a program of exceeding magnitude, and the assurance is given that their plans will find execution in the hands of a loyal band of promoters, many of whom have profited by the experience of attendance upon one or more recent conventions.

John Ruthven, state chairman of transportation, is working diligently among his aids to rally large delegations at central points, they to have access to special train service and probable reduced rates. Our aim is "1000 Os-ka-wa-wa at Chicago," and we need the support of every local to the extent of the largest possible number of delegates.

Provision will be made for Illinois headquarters, whereby we hope to gather all Indians under one roof. Definite announcement as to this arrangement will be made in the near future, at which time we shall look for a flood of reservations from the state at large.

A feature of the convention will be the "Os-ka-wa-wa" pow-wow, admission being limited to native and resident sons and daughters of Illinois. The convention has laid plans for a general reception at the Art Institute, organ recitals preceding all evening sessions of the convention, and other features to promote acquaintance and fellowship.

Without a doubt, the 23d International Convention will go down in history as one of the strongest and best of our denominational gatherings. Plan now to attend.

The services of Dr. James A. White, the new General Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. of A., are at the disposal of all locals in need of a speaker. Communications should be addressed to 107 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Your president solicits for publication in the Bulletin any items which may be of interest to fellow-workers throughout the State. If you have discovered some particularly successful method of work, address Glenn Shuler, Ottawa, Ill.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B.Y.P.U.



Director, W. B. Morris,
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It was my privilege to visit the headquarters of our American Baptist Publication Society during the month of January, having been called to attend a meeting of State Directors. I wish it were possible for our denomination at large to get an idea from personal observation of this mighty factor and force in our Baptist work. Its activities may be likened to the beating of the heart, sending the life currents into even the remotest parts of the body. The great printing plant sends out 57,000,000 copies of Sunday school periodicals per year, supplying city, town, village and country schools. The office force is second to none and is "not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." The slogan of the society might well be, "Efficiency in service."

I regret that I have been obliged to cancel a number of engagements on account of sickness, but am at work again and hope to keep all appointments from now on.

At a recent meeting of our Summer Assembly committee, of which Dr. T. Harley Marsh is chairman, the matter of program was taken up. It was decided to eliminate all chautauqua features, and confine ourselves to things which have to do with spiritual effici-

ency. The afternoons, however, will be given over to recreation. The outlook is good for an interesting and profitable assembly.

The local B. Y. P. U. societies should begin right now to boost the B. Y. P. U. convention, which will meet in Chicago next July. Plan to send a delegate, give a social to defray the expense, then expect to reap the benefit in renewed enthusiasm in your own society.

I am sending out some letters of inquiry concerning Teacher Training classes. I wish every pastor or superintendent knowing of such class would communicate with me, so we may ascertain how many Baptist classes there are in the state.

I would also like to know how many teachers of graded lessons may be depended on to prepare work to be exhibited at the next meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention. Please write me.

The officers and teachers of the First Baptist Sunday school of Decatur were entertained by the officers and teachers of the Junior department recently. A fine supper was served under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Willis, Junior superintendent, after which the time was spent listening to music and addresses.

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SALVATION



When one undertakes to make a heart-searching and personal inquiry as to the basis of his hope of salvation he longs for a sure foundation on which to stand. He is not satisfied with theories or with anything that is questionable. So many people seem to think that they have done about the best they could or that because they have not been out breaking transgressors that they can base a hope of salvation upon their moral character. Yet when one does real heart searching he can hardly find an act of his life that does not have some taint or bias of sin. It is difficult to be wholly unselfish. The preacher in the pulpit, and the missionary among the heathen, by close heart searching, will find traits of selfishness, and some lack of being wholly abandoned to the Lord's service. The devout deacon will find that in his large business interests he is not doing business wholly for the Lord. In all our thoughts and words and acts, we can detect some small or great things that are not wholly right in the sight of God.

If then, our good works and our lives are not perfect, they must be sinful; it is evident we cannot depend upon good works nor on moral lives for salvation: "All have sinned and come

short of the glory of God." When I preach to a house full of people I do not think of them as so many church members and so many sinners; but as a house full of sinners, being preached to by a sinner; but a sinner, I trust, saved by grace. I think of the people as, saved sinners, or as those sinners not saved because they have rejected the only way of salvation.

What then is the sure foundation upon which one can have unfailing hope? It is by spiritual union and fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ, accepting Him as the sacrifice for sin, trusting in His shed blood as an atonement for all sin, and in His resurrection as a triumph over death. Each and every believer in Christ ought to obey His commandments and unite with the church. I cannot understand how anyone can love his Lord supremely and not follow Him in baptism and commemorate His suffering at the Lord's table. But it is exceedingly dangerous to depend upon baptism or communion or church membership, or all of them, for salvation. The ordinances are mere symbols reminding us of the great reality. There is no remedy for sin in the church, nor its ordinances. When we look at ourselves with real heart searching, we often feel like exclaiming with Paul,

"When I would do good evil is present with me; the things I would do, I do not, and the things I would not, them I do. Oh! wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" But again, when we look away from self to the crucified and resurrected Christ, we can again say with Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him.

"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord."

"Salvation, Oh thou bleeding Lamb,
To thee the praise belongs.
Salvation shall inspire our hearts,
And dwell upon our tongues."

Beginning with this issue of the Bulletin we are publishing the names of the churches and pastors that have adopted the "Five-Year Program" and have become co-operating churches. In order to be a co-operating church the following goals must be the objective.

1. One new follower of Christ annually for every eight members.
2. One minister or missionary produced from its membership during the five-year period.
3. One of its young people in college for every one hundred members or major fraction thereof.

4. Gifts by individuals (in addition to church offerings) and legacies or annuities for Baptist missionary, benevolent and educational work.

5. A fifteen per cent increase each year in offerings to missions and benevolence.

The following is the list of churches so far as I have them to date. Possibly some of these have only adopted the Five-Year Program. In order to publish the names in the future I want the names of the churches that have decided on the following three things:

1. Adopted the Five-Year Program.
2. Become a co-operating church.
3. Have made, or will make an every member canvass for both home expenses and missions.

CHURCH

PASTOR

Galilee, Chicago, Rev. Jos. E. Billman.
Fairbury Church, Rev. Edwin H. Lyle.
Tremont Church, Rev. L. E. Riley.
State St. Church, Rockford, Rev. M. H. Day.
Big Rock Church, Rev. W. F. Huxford.
Colchester Church, Rev. L. E. Ellison.
Woodlawn Church, Chicago, Rev. M. R. Boynton.
First Church, Paris, Rev. L. S. Shumaker
Arcola Church, Rev. A. P. Renn.
First Church, Pontiac, Rev. Edward Benden.
Eastern Ave. Church, Joliet, Rev. C. A. Neyman.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of the State Convention will be held in the Baptist church at Lincoln, Thursday, April 13th, at two o'clock p.m. The Pastors' Conference of the Bloomington Association will meet at the same place and time. The conference will hold a meeting in the afternoon, and a strong program is being prepared.

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THE Bulletin issue has been for some time 5,500. How soon can we pass the 6,000 mark? We could easily do it in one month if a few of the pastors where it is not taken would request someone to work up a club.

THIS year two great Baptist meetings will be held that are of special interest to our Illinois people. Two years ago the Northern Convention was held in the extreme Northeast, Boston; last year in the extreme Southwest, Los Angeles. This year it will be held much nearer to Illinois, in the middle West, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Many Illinois Baptists ought to attend that meeting in May. The other great meeting is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the B. Y. P. U. A. It will be held in Chicago in July.

ATTENTION is called to two advertisements in the Annual; one on the outside of the back cover, an "ad" of our Publication Society. Baptists ought to be loyal to their own society and its publications. The other

is on the inside of the back cover, that of the Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company of Bloomington. This is the company that did the splendid work of printing the Annual.

SUNDAY morning, February 27th, the editor preached for the Plymouth people. After preaching the pastor, Rev. L. E. Ellison, baptized two young ladies. The congregation was good. Brother Ellison took this work a few months ago, when it was in a very discouraged condition. He also has charge of the Colchester church. On both these fields he is having good success and the people are hopeful and enthusiastic.

ON SUNDAY night I drove over exceedingly rough roads to the Bethel church, seven miles in the country. Rev. C. H. Wells has charge of this church, in connection with St. Mary's. The roads were so bad that the people had to walk, and yet we had a good congregation and a good service.

THE special evangelistic fund of \$2500, which we want to raise this year, has not been given up, although it has not been possible for the superintendent to give any time to it. Our missionary, Rev. N. T. Hafer, gave about two weeks during the holidays in a few associations and raised in cash and pledges nearly \$500. We expect to start the two year evangelistic campaign in the fall in connection with the Five-Year Program, and by that time we want \$2500 in pledges or cash to back it. Possibly Brother Hafer will be given two or three months this spring or summer to complete that work.

THE ILLINOIS BAPTIST SUMMER ASSEMBLY

The second Summer Assembly of Illinois Baptists will be held this season from Thursday to Thursday, July 13-20, at the same place as last year, the Quiver Lake Chautauqua Park, Havana, Ill. This is the most centrally located spot in the state for Illinois Baptists, both young and old, ministry and laity, to come and spend the eight days of the Assembly.

The assembly serves a threefold purpose. It provides a program of religious education and spiritual uplift, it brings one into contact for eight days with the cream of Christian people, and last, but not least, it provides a quiet and splendid week of rest and recreation. A great many come by families or by parties and keep house in the well appointed cottages, while others room at the new summer hotel and take their meals at the cafeteria on the grounds. There is a well kept grocery store on the grounds for the campers.

The program committee has had two meetings and is working upon a splendid program. After the morning prayers at 8:30, the forenoon will be divided into three periods of fifty minutes each in which will be conducted several mission study classes, conferences on B.Y. P.U. and Sunday school work, a daily conference upon pastoral methods and a daily Bible address for the entire Assembly. The afternoons will be free for fishing, swimming, boating and other forms of recreation and each evening there will be a song service and platform inspirational address.

Including the season ticket of one dollar, a person can room at the hotel and board at the Cafeteria for about fourteen dollars for the entire As-

sembly period. Those who live in cottages adjust their own living expenses. Last year furnished cottages rented for about two dollars a day, and it is hoped that a sufficient number can be secured for that sum this season.

Cannot churches send their pastors, B. Y. P. U.'s their presidents, Sunday schools their superintendents, and Women's Mission Circles their presidents. It is especially hoped that a large number of young men and young women will be present. All will be for ever after more efficient in church work, as this is a short course in religious training and spiritual deepening.

One man has offered to pay four dollars of the expenses of each of twenty-five young men between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two who will attend the Assembly, providing that not more than four are thus accepted from any one church. Applications for these scholarships as well as for other information should be addressed to the Business Manager, Rev. Martin S. Bryant, University Baptist Church, Champaign, Ill.

UNIVERSITY CHURCH EVANGELISTIC BAND

Because of the large number of students who go home for the Easter recess, no services will be held Sunday, April 23rd. If any church should desire their services and would meet railroad fare and provide entertainment, the pastor and five young men of the University church would be glad to come and conduct a four days evangelistic campaign from Thursday to Sunday, April 20-23.

Martin S. Bryant,
409 E. Healy St., Pastor.
Champaign, Ill.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Our missionary pastor, Rev. C. L. Flanders at Rochelle, recently preached a sermon before the Modern Woodmen of America. The local papers speak very highly of the sermon and of Brother Flanders.

Dr. N. T. Hafer is at this writing conducting a meeting at Chenoa. Sunday, March 5th, ten were received for membership and five for baptism.

During the past year our missionary pastor, Rev. D. L. Lloyd, did fine work at Shabbona in thoroughly repairing the meeting house, and made the old building look almost like a new church. This year he hopes to have large spiritual results.

"The work at Hinckley is progressing very favorably. Congregations show an increase in numbers, and the members of the church are keenly alive to their God-given task." Pastor F. C. Webber has arranged with Rev. J. C. Dent, of Chicago, to assist in a series of meetings.

The work on the new building at Hopkins Park has been pushed along through the winter. Our missionary pastor, Rev. J. B. Little says that he is having crowded houses and that the work is very hopeful.

"Brother Johnson came to Stonington February 6th and held with us a most blessed meeting. He is a strong preacher; presents his thoughts clearly and holds the close attention of his audience from the beginning to the end of his sermon. Ten came forward. The church was greatly helped, and the entire community was benefited."—F. W. Parsons, pastor.

WAR NOTES

Canada had by the first of January,

1916, raised 225,000 soldiers for the European War, and 1000 men have been enlisting daily toward making up 275,000 more men for the conflict. Canada's loyalty to Great Britain has led her not only to enlist these men, but to equip them at her own expense. The Canadian soldiers are the best paid in the world. They receive \$1.10 per day and an additional \$20.00 per month for those dependent on them. Canada has a population of only about 7,000,000, and 2,000,000 of these are Roman Catholics, yet these 2,000,000 of French Catholics have furnished but 10,000 of the 225,000 soldiers. This is supposed to be caused by the attitude of the Catholic priests toward England; and yet the British and Canadian governments have given the French Catholics of Canada more special privileges than any church in the world receives, except in countries where there is an established state church.

At the time this is being written the greatest battle in all history has been raging for two weeks north of Verdun in France. The slaughter of men must be terrible beyond imagination.

The present war takes in the whole of Asia except China, about all of Africa, and all of Europe, except Scandinavia, Holland, and Switzerland, two of the Balkan states, and the Spanish Peninsula. It also takes in Canada in the new world. When and where will it stop, and what will be the outcome? And how many generations will it take to pay the debts piled up to perhaps two score billions of dollars before it stops.

The Chicago Tribune of February 17th, makes the statement that so far the war debt of England is \$11,000,000,000; that of France 7,704,600,000; that of Germany \$7,500,000,000.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE ANNUAL

"I received the new Annual some time ago. It is just fine; I could not do without it."—*W. E. Pool.*

"The Annual received. Thank you very much. I think it is a splendid piece of work; a storehouse of knowledge for all the State Convention. You surely are to be commended on this work, as well as on all the work of the State Convention."—*R. T. Gasaway.*

"I thank you for sending me the Illinois State Annual. I enjoy it, and find much to interest and help me."—*Sue G. Billingsley.*

"I want to congratulate you upon having gotten out the best Annual that I have ever seen published by any state."—*J. Y. Aitchison.*

"I just received the Annual and it shows its usual improvement, and I wish to congratulate you on its appearance; it is fine."—*John Ruthven.*

"We wish to acknowledge receipt of state annuals from Secretary C. P. Roney for Indiana, from Secretary W. P. Blake for Oklahoma, and from Secretary E. P. Brand for Illinois. They are all well gotten up and contain a vast amount of information about our Baptist work in the respective states, but we award the blue ribbon to the "Illinois Baptist Annual" for beauty of workmanship and wealth of detail."—*Baptist World, Louisville, Ky.*

The recent death of Mrs. Bertha Bulkley Roach in Prome, Burma, has saddened many hearts in the Alton Association, where she was well known. Sunshine and shadow follow each other in life as in nature, and we extend congratulations to the Y. W. Director of the Alton Association on the arrival of Robert Howard Rainey into her home.

POLITICAL

It is well known that from the beginning of the Roosevelt administration the United States Government has been holding the water power, and coal and natural resources on the public domain. Until that time the government had been in the habit of practically giving away these resources to the great corporations. But now, there is a bill pending in congress to lease all these water power sites and other valuable resources for periods of fifty years, the government to receive a certain rental, and at the end of fifty years, the government may extend the lease or take the works back at "market valuation."

This is better than the former method of giving them away or disposing of them for a trifle. But there are two grave objections to this bill. In the first place the amount of rental should be fixed for a period of five, or not more than ten years at a time, instead of during the full period of fifty years, so that the government would get a fair share of the increased profits. In the second place, there is a "little joker" in this bill that means the robbing of the government of millions, and possibly of billions of dollars in time to come. The bill gives the government the right to take these mineral or water power sites at the end of fifty years by paying the corporations the "market value" of the works. This should be amended to read, full value for all buildings and improvements made by the company. The water power sites, coal fields, etc., were never given nor sold to the corporations, but only leased. The corporations never owned them, and will have no right for pay only for the improvements. It is like this:

A leases an unimproved farm to B

for a period of twenty-five years. B has the right to put up buildings and whatever he needs to run the farm, and pays a certain rental. At the end of twenty-five years A will have the right to take back the farm and pay B full value for the improvements he has put on it; but A would not have to pay for the land he had only leased to him. The land never belonged to B and B is not entitled to pay for the land, only the improvements; but our servants at Washington are proposing to lease all the water power, and other resources not yet developed, for fifty years, and then, if the government wants to take charge of them it must pay the lessees not only for the improvements, but for the property they had only leased. This will end finally in robbing the government of hundreds of millions, and possibly billions, of dollars. It is being pushed while attention is centered on the war. I have not seen an editorial in a daily paper, nor in a magazine, calling attention to this "little joker" of two words. I wonder if both Congress and the press are under the influence of the great corporations?

In the Illinois Baptist Annual recently published, on page 202, will be found the Baptist statistics of the world, taken from the American Baptist Year Book of 1915. It will be noticed that there is just one country in the world where there are any Baptists to speak of, that does not report any baptisms, and that is Great Britain. They report other statistics, but leave the baptism column blank. It is also a notable fact that Great Britain is the only country in the world that encourages open membership to any considerable extent. Evidently the leading spirits of the Baptist

Union of Great Britain and Ireland do not look upon baptism as of enough importance to report it, or perhaps it would be offensive to that portion of their membership that has never been baptized.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. W. E. Pool, who has been pastor at Fairmount for several years, has decided to close his work on that field April 1st. He has done very good work there, and will be open for some other field. He can be addressed at Fairmount.

Rev. J. Livingston Duff closed his work at Erie the first of March, and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Mt. Sterling and Kellerville churches, giving three-fourths time to Mt. Sterling and one-fourth to Kellerville. This makes Brother Duff a large and hopeful field.

After a very successful pastorate of four and a half years at Shelbyville, Rev. A. E. Browning has offered his resignation to take effect March 1st. During his pastorate 150 persons were added to the church, 130 by baptism. We hope that Brother Browning will locate again in Illinois, and that the Shelbyville church will soon find a successor for him.

Rev. Alfred Trenerry, after two or three years of work at Claim Street Church, Aurora, has closed his pastorate and removed to Iowa.

Rev. C. C. Marshall resigned the pastorate at Arthur some time ago, and located at Newport, Arkansas.

Rev. W. A. Phipps of the Central Illinois Association, has been called to the pastorate of the Andalusia and Providence churches in the Rock Island Association.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING FEBRUARY

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Bagwill, Mrs. M., Millington.....	\$ 7.00
Berwyn Church	10.00
Bulletin Subscriptions	63.85
Chicago, Austin Church.....	18.36
Chicago, Humboldt Park Church....	4.80
Chicago, Ravenswood Church.....	5.00
Cornell Church	6.00
Evanston Church	16.67
El Paso Church, Rev. Herbert Hines.....	
Hopkins Park Church Bldg.....	10.00
Glencoe Union Church	13.00
Graymont Church	20.00
Greenville Church.....	35.00
Hart, Rev. J. E., Buda, on Hopkins Park Ch. Bldg. Fund.....	5.00
Hoopeston Church.....	7.08
Interest on invested funds.....	887.50
Jacksonville First Church.....	25.00
Kessler, Rev. C. M., Chicago, on Hop- kins Park Church Bldg. Fund....	5.00
Kewanee First Church.....	25.00
Litchfield Church	8.00
Moline First Church	50.00
Normal Church (omitted from Jan- uary report) .....	.35
Normal Ch., Maria I. Wilson.....	5.00
Northern Baptist Convention.....	75.00
Princeton S. S., Amona Class, on Hopkins Park Church Bldg. Fund	10.00
St. Charles Meeting House rent.....	7.00
Tonica Parsonage rent.....	20.00
University Church Building.....	1732.00
*Wilmette Church	35.00
Total	\$3106.61

The case of a teacher is much the same with that of a pastor. Neither a pastor nor a teacher has a right to present views out of harmony with those held and enunciated by those employing him; and no board of trustees has a right to tolerate teaching out of harmony with those held by the denomination from which its trust was received. As it is the duty of the parent, so it is the duty of a Christian denomination to see to it that the teaching in its schools is in harmony with its tenets. It is not enough for either pastor or teacher to say: "I held the accepted views when I entered into the contract; but I have changed since and must be allowed to teach according to my changed views." If the pastor of a Baptist church becomes a Universalist, he is not justified in holding his place, in the face of dissent on the part of his congregation. If a teacher changes

his views on great questions, he is bound to submit the question of his continuance in his chair to those by whom he is employed.—Journal and Messenger.

CHURCHES

Rev. A. Carnell of Port Byron is just entering upon his third year as pastor of the Bethel Church. He is having quite good success on that field. They are now engaged in remodeling the church and will put a basement under the building. This country church ought to be not only a spiritual but a social center for that large farming community.

The Tremont Church has received thirty-two members since last October, twenty-three of them by baptism. Rev. L. E. Riley is the pastor. The church has among its members one centenarian, Mr. Cody, father of Dr. J. M. Cody.

During the recent meetings at Centra-
lia, there were seventeen additions by baptism. During the year ending March 21st, forty-seven had been received into the church, twenty-five by baptism. Rev. A. P. Howells has been pastor for several years.

Rev. C. W. Webb has completed three years' work at the Beulah Church in Streator. During that time he has greatly increased the membership and led them in securing a good meeting house and parsonage. He begins the fourth year with a very encouraging outlook.

The Elliott Avenue Church, Springfield, was closed for some time during the winter undergoing extensive repairs, and the building was re-opened February 27th. A good program was carried out throughout the day, and it was very interesting. During the day \$3,656 was raised. Rev. H. H. Ford is the pastor.

The church at Chatsworth continues to prosper under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. Geo. Woodley. The congregations are good, both morning and evening, and the outlook is hopeful.

Rev. Geo. Branum of Tamaroa, not long since held a meeting with the Willisville Church, resulting in thirty conversions, twenty-two united with the church, and it is reported as in good condition. Brother Branum recently had six conversions and eight additions to the church at his regular appointment at Christopher, at the Sunday evening services. We are glad to hear this news from Southern Illinois.

Rev. C. A. Neyman, pastor of the Eastern Avenue Church, Joliet, writes concerning the February rally held in that church, very favorably. The attendance was not large, but the influence good. It has resulted in the Eastern Avenue Church pushing forward in an organized manner. The pastor says, "We organized our people into groups for the securing of forty-seven new members by baptism this year."

The First Baptist Church of Hutsonville held a three weeks meeting during the month of February. Rev. D. H. MacGillivray assisted the pastor, Rev. J. W. Patterson. Nineteen were added to the church by baptism and several more await the ordinance. The church was greatly strengthened. They have a fine Sunday school and B. Y. P. U.

Sunday, February 13, the Second Baptist Church of Carterville, was dedicated. On March 15, 1915, the church and parsonage burned to the ground. The members immediately went to work and secured another more central location, and started building again. They went into the new building before it was quite finished, and the congrega-

tion being very large, the floor gave way, but was soon repaired. The building is now complete, and is worth about \$3,000, and the indebtedness all raised. Since the first of November twenty-seven have been added to the church. Rev. F. V. Wright is the pastor.

Thirteen new members have united with the Minonk church during the last month, ten by baptism and three on experience.

The First Church of Galesburg writes as follows: "We have taken for our goal 'One Hundred New Members by Easter.' We do not mean one hundred added to our church by any means possible, whether saved or not; we mean, one hundred who have faith in Christ added to the church."

PERSONALS

Rev. H. F. Holbrook of Plymouth is "looking for calls to hold meetings in Baptist churches." For summer evangelistic work he has secured a good tent of ample size and well lighted. He may be addressed at any time at Plymouth.

The many friends of Rev. J. G. Little and his wife congratulate them on the arrival of a daughter, February 24th. She weighed ten pounds and was named Elizabeth Margraves Little.

A donation of \$200,000 for the purpose of erecting a building for the Divinity school was recently received by the University of Chicago. The Theological Department in that great institution has never yet had a separate building. The name of the donor of this last gift is withheld.

Rev. J. S. Walls, pastor of the Bradford church, has offered his resignation, his work to close at any time he may choose before April 1st. We hope the church will not be long without a pastor.

ORDINATION

Mr. Charles N. Davies, pastor of the Forest City, Ill., church was ordained by advice of a regularly called council on January 20. The principal parts were as follows: Sermon, Rev. L. E. Riley; charge to the church, Dr. G. W. Ballenger; charge to the candidate and prayer, Rev. N. J. Hilton of Lincoln. Mr. Hilton was the moderator and F. C. Tucker of Benson the clerk.

The Illinois Baptist Annual has just reached my office. It is by far the finest and most complete that the Convention has ever issued. Every Baptist of the state should have one. To our state superintendent, Rev. E. P. Brand, is due great credit not only for the fine make up of the Annual, but for the statesmanlike leadership which has made our Baptist work what it is.

W. B. Morris.

In January, Rev. John A. Howard and his wife of Midnapore, India, sent a circular letter to their friends. Mr. Howard is a son of Rev. J. F. Howard, so well known in Illinois. His wife was a Miss Lemen of Collinsville, a great grand-niece of Elder James Lemen, the pioneer Baptist. They have been on the foreign field for two or three years and are enthusiastic about the work. He announces that on November 3rd, little John Randolph Howard came to their home. Their many friends will congratulate them upon the

arrival of this little missionary in the home. The Howards read the Bulletin.

Early in the winter our missionary pastor at Ridgewood, Joliet, was assisted in a meeting by Rev. J. C. Richardson of Morris. The pastor speaks highly of Brother Richardson's sermons and work. The meetings resulted in about fourteen additions to the church. The Sunday school now reaches about the 200 mark.

"SAM SMALL ON PROHIBITION"

Sam Small has been rather quiet for some years. Maybe "Billy" Sunday's star has eclipsed the star of the long-time associate of Sam Jones. Recently in Philadelphia Mr. Small lifted up his voice in favor of National prohibition. From that address we are glad to quote a bristling paragraph or two:

"Go to the saloon keeper on the corner and talk prohibition and he'll go up in the air and turn handsprings and yawp and say you're interfering with his business. It isn't his business. The Government just rents it to him for \$1,104 for twelve months. Prohibition simply is a process whereby the public goes out of the liquor business. Every man who has a ballot is a shareholder in that business, and an election is simply a stockholders' meeting to see whether the business is going to continue. I am not here to attack the individual saloon keeper. I'd as soon go into your kitchen and kick the cook out of the window as evidence of my gratitude for your hospitality as to come to Philadelphia and attack your saloon keepers. I say "your saloon keepers," because they would not be here without your consent. Some good old Methodist brother down in the amen corner will blow his beak in his red bandanna, cock a watery eye on me and ask, "Do you think we'll ever have national prohibition?" Why, we're getting it now. We've got eighteen States dry now. We've got three others that have their linen washed out on the line flapping in the wind and getting dry and two others ready to chuck their shirts into the tub. We've made so much progress toward prohibition that I've made up my mind to stick around and see it happen myself."

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

The month of February closes today, and it has been much like January so far as the life of the Home is concerned. Everybody has been in the best of spirits and health throughout the month. That always means energy and exercise on the part of the boys and girls, and also means work for matron and care takers.

Exercise creates appetite, and bread, fruit, and vegetables disappear, and energy is a tester of clothes, especially shoes. Therefore, the outlay for food-stuffs and wearing apparel has been unusually large this month. On the other hand contributions from churches and individuals have not been quite up to the average. Possibly the falling off in finances comes because of the pressure of the missionary budget at this time of the year. Our churches ought to meet the budget; but while they are doing that they ought not to overlook the institutions that are looking after the homeless, friendless and helpless ones of their own state.

A few children have been placed in private families during the month, but this has not made any perceptible difference in the number of inmates in the Home, because others have come in.

Our board at a recent meeting adopted the annuity bond system in vogue by our missionary societies. Now friends of the Home that are interested in its future, and want to leave some of their means, after they are through with it to the institution may do so, and at the same time be assured of receiving a good interest paid semi-annually during their natural life.

HUDELSON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

IRVINGTON, ILLINOIS
Rev. Alfred C. Kelly, Supt.

Aunt Kate, as the matron is known over most of the State, has had a few weeks needed rest and change. She spent two weeks in Chicago, where she was the guest of Mrs. Kelly part of the time, and during the rest of her stay in that city she was entertained by Gideon S. Thompson and wife of Berwyn. Under the guidance of Mrs. Thompson, she was able to visit a few institutions devoted to the care of children.

During the vacation of the matron, Mrs. Frank Woodhull came and mothered the children, directing and assisting them in the work. Before the matron's return, however, she was called home by the serious and sudden illness of her husband, the Rev. Frank Woodhull of Moweaqua. We hope that he may be soon restored to health.

We are under very great obligation to Mrs. Woodhull for coming to help us out and to Brother Woodhull for sparing her for that purpose.

Rev. F. T. Klotzsche of Urbana, and his wife, are to be associated with our orphanage force. Mr. Klotzsche began his work the early part of this month, and Mrs. Klotzsche will join him in June at the close of the school year at the University of Illinois. He is to have general supervision of the school and industrial life of the institution, and Mrs. Klotzsche is to be an assistant to the matron. This arrangement will leave the superintendent more free to push the field work, visit children placed in homes, and seek homes for children who are to be placed.

Foreign and Home Mission Societies

REV. J. Y. AITCHISON, D.D., Joint District Secretary

19 South LaSalle St., Chicago

J. Y. Aitchison, Editor

AN OPEN LETTER TO ILLINOIS BAPTISTS

Dear Friends:

As we begin the last month of our fiscal year you are all doubtless interested to know how the money has been coming in during the past eleven months. The apportionment for the state for the American Baptist Home Mission Society this year was \$19,000. Up to March 1st, \$10,368 has been received, leaving a balance of \$8,632 needed to complete the apportionment. Adding the fifteen per cent increase of \$2,850, makes a total of \$11,482 still needed to complete the Home Mission apportionment, and the fifteen per cent increase, by March 31st.

The apportionment for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society for the state was \$32,000. Up to March 1st, we have received \$19,544.62, leaving a balance of \$12,455.38 required to complete the actual apportionment. A fifteen per cent increase for the Foreign Society would amount to \$4,800; hence we still need \$17,255.38 to complete the apportionment, and the fifteen per cent increase.

For the last two years we have had to make special appeal for help to raise deficits on our national societies. With the inspiration and definite objective Five-Year Program before us we are hoping that we can close the present fiscal year without deficits. In order to do this it will be necessary to secure sacrificial gifts. To this end we bespeak the earnest prayers and heartiest co-operation of all the friends of our work.

We are proud of the record Illinois Baptists have made the last few years, and feel confident that when our books close at the end of this fiscal year, our great state will show its faith and confidence in our Five-Year Program by having raised its full apportionment plus the fifteen per cent increase requested. This can be done. It cannot be done, however, without sacrifice of time, without faithful service, and without sacrificial giving.

Faithfully yours,

J. Y. Aitchison.

Remember, March 1st is the end of this fiscal year.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

Has your circle held an Illinois afternoon? It is not too late. Have you sent the state expense fund to Mrs. H. W. Tate? At the last board meeting the treasurer reported that since October 1st, \$106.95 had been paid for printing the annual reports prayer cycles, pennants, etc., leaving a balance of \$22.31. This amount should be largely increased for necessary expenses before the next annual meeting. Send a penny for every woman in your church. Since last report the following circles observed the day: Chrisman, Upper Alton, El Paso, Utica, Roseville, Springfield, Girard, Waverly, Woodlawn church, Chicago. The following suggestions may be helpful to you in arranging a program.

Barry reports "We used selected material found in the Annual Report and closed our program with Mrs. Montgomery's dialogue found in Missions, September, 1914. As a result we have a fine club for our magazine, Missions. This was one of the best meetings of the year." From Roseville: "We wrote our invitations on heavy paper, cut the shape of our state and sent one to every woman and girl in the church. Had a fine attendance. I made a large chart of 'The Year's Objective for Illinois,' and two other charts giving the officers' names, etc. A splendid paper was read on 'Our Standard of Excellence,' used the pennants and souvenirs, and closed with a social hour."

The Five Year Program conferences held in Illinois are over. They were the result of much effort on the part of those who arranged them. They were well attended but unless those who received help and enthusiasm pass it on to others, the conferences will not accomplish what they are expected to, and where will lie the responsibility?

We welcome another college counsellor in Mrs. R. H. Chandler of Galesburg, who will look after our Baptist girls in Knox and Lombard colleges.

This is the last month of the fiscal year of the two national societies. Surely every woman will do her best that Illinois shall not fall short of what is expected from her. Each church has its own part to do, and if it fails the state may fail in its objective. Will you personally make the few days which remain count for service in the Master's cause?

There has been reported to us the organization of a new circle in Medora which is very promising. Jerseyville has a class interested in studying "The King's Highway." Arrangements are being made to hold a Spring Rally of the Alton Association with the newly organized circle in Belleville and already plans are being made in Alton for the state meeting which is to be held in October. They expect "To have the best convention yet." Berwyn has recently raised its apportionment 15 per cent and has twenty-three subscribers for the Bulletin.

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SHARE IN THE "FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM"

Baptists at large are acquainted with the objectives of the program of work to be instituted within the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention, effective May 1st of this year and continuing through May 1, 1921. Impetus has been given the movement through the medium of nineteen conferences held during the month of February in various cities of our state, featuring speakers of prominence in our denomination, whose messages carried weight. All who were privileged to attend any one session of these conferences have received an enlarged vision of work to be done.

As young people, we should have a large share in this project, "The Five-Year Program." The fundamental point is, "A million additions to our churches by baptism," in five years. Granted that we are successful in this enlargement of the kingdom, it is safe to predict that we shall be enabled to meet the other requirements of the program.

We need primarily to experience a personal quickening of the Spirit, we need to lend every endeavor to a revival

of our indifferent membership, and we need above all a deep passion for souls, which shall find satisfaction only in aggressive personal evangelism.

Every young people's organization has within its membership individuals who have not definitely related their lives to Christ and the church. Every Sunday school has in its enrollment a far greater number of such individuals. Every church has in its congregations those who have not as yet made public profession of Christ as Savior. In the community at large, there are multitudes who are longing for someone to take an interest in their soul's welfare. The time is ripe for sane evangelism. Let us awaken to our opportunity and our responsibility. Let us realize that "The Five-Year Program" depends upon the individual for accomplishment and realization.

We, as young people, should have a large interest, for we it is who are the church of to-morrow, we it is who will profit by the results of to-day's efforts, we it is who must be in training for even greater responsibilities which time shall lay upon us, if our denomination is to continue to be an effective power in the promotion of the Lord's work.

Glenn Shuler.

Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.



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The field force of the American Baptist Publication Society has been very materially strengthened by the coming of Rev. W. E. Raffety, Ph.D., who took up his work as director of our secondary division work and also of Vacation Bible School work. Dr. Raffety was born in Roodhouse, Ill., and after occupying several positions of responsibility, became professor of religious pedagogy and psychology in the Kansas City Theological Seminary. He comes to us well equipped for his work in every way.

My time during the past month has been largely taken up with the conferences on the Five-Year Program. I believe much good will result, although the meetings were not largely attended on account of so much sickness, yet there was a good spirit throughout and a deep interest manifested.

Pastor Neyman of Joliet, is doing aggressive work in his field, and has worked out some quite interesting and helpful charts, bearing on the next five years of the church program.

Pastor R. H. Claxon of Taylorville is constantly moving things forward and his work has meant much to his people. I visited the Tolono Sunday school where W. F. Cooper is the efficient superintendent. It was a pleasure to address this little school and

note the real interest in the work. Pastor Webb is having good success at Macomb.

Pastor Stevens at Jacksonville is doing things worth while. The remodeled auditorium testifies to this fact as well as the general conditions in the church.

It was my pleasure to visit the Cairo First Church where I was the pastor twenty-five years ago. Rev. L. D. Lamkin is serving the church, and everything is in a flourishing condition. The Sunday school is one of the largest in Southern Illinois. There were eighty-five in the Men's Bible Class. The primary department is most efficiently directed and other departments are in good condition. After a workers' conference in the afternoon, I went to Carbondale and spoke at the evening service. Pastor Jones is enjoying prosperity on his field. Good congregations under good leadership is what one always expects to find here. On Monday I went to Benton for another conference. Pastor Frary is enjoying his work and is now engaged in special meetings and hoping for good results. The meeting here was among the very best of the series. Rev. J. L. Meads has just finished a fine meeting with Pastor Wells at Mt. Vernon, about eighty conversions were reported.

"THE TRINITY AND THE CRITICS"

The doctrine of the Trinity has been the subject of ridicule by infidels through the ages. Science is constantly multiplying analogies to the doctrine through the whole realm of nature. The three primary colors enter into combination to produce white. They are all needed, and together they form the beam of sunshine. If three can be one, and one three in science, why cannot it be so in theology? It is a fact that a system of triads runs through the universe. In music the common chord or harmony is so named because it is formed of three radical sounds. We speak of ourselves as possessed of body, soul and spirit. We are ourselves a trinity. If we cannot understand ourselves, how may we expect to understand God. The idea of the Trinity lies deep in the composition of a philosophy universal, profound, sublime and divine."

Mr. Willbur F. Crafts, of the International Reform Bureau, sends out a ringing protest against encouraging lecherous magazines. We take great pleasure in quoting and thoroughly approving the following paragraph from the protest:

"This is the season when those in charge of reading rooms, and parents, teachers and pastors, should set a watch against the magazines chiefly to exploiting sex, now multiplying like a plague of frogs, which are none the less dangerous than nastiest things are said in polite language. In some religious reading rooms, and in some Christian homes one sees magazines once devoted to civic righteousness, whose very covers are now lecherous and their pages crowded with stories that are but morbid variations of "the old triangle, the husband, the wife and the lover." Magazines need to be reminded there are only two kinds of kisses, one too sacred and the other too infamous, for publicity. Nothing would do so much to check this craze for adultery stories as to have 10,000 subscriptions terminated at this season, with the reason given that the stories or perhaps the advertising is disapproved. Pastors, especially, should warn their people against club arrangements by which they may get a corrupting magazine yoked up with one that is decent. Magazines should be examined carefully before giving them household rights for a year."

The Shanghai Baptist Theological Seminary is doing more in Sunday school work than any other seminary in China, according to the Secretary of the China Sunday School Union. The students are being taught by the laboratory method. The seminary has five out-stations to which the men are sent for preaching and Sunday school services.

UNIVERSITY CHURCH

The contract for building the University Church has been let to Contractor A. W. Stoolman of Champaign. Work on the building has already been started. The ground is being excavated and it is expected that the building will be completed by the time school opens next fall. Brother Bryant is having encouraging work this year, but has about reached the limit of his work in the Y. M. C. A. building, as the auditorium is frequently crowded at the morning services.

ADVERTISEMENT

"They nearly made me shout!" "Fine!" "Admirable!" "They will work a revolution." Thus say leading Baptists of "Jewel Goldsmith's Fight of Faith," thirteen chapters, and "The Lovers' Investigation of the Communion Question," thirty-one chapters. A Baptist battery. Both books by mail, only 50 cents. Have them read by the uninformed and critical and see them turn compromising gristle into loyal *backbone*. Order today. Address the Author, V. Colbert, Collinsville, Ill. Slip a 50c piece into a slitted cardboard and send it through without delay.

"The Watchman-Examiner tells us of a Baptist church in Brooklyn, New York, (Grace, Rev. Dr. Samuel McBride, pastor), where the Sabbath school recites in concert, every Sabbath, the following "Principles for which Baptists stand:

1. Baptists stand for the Bible. It is their law, their creed, and their final authority in all matters relating to faith and practice.

2. Baptists stand for regeneration or "the birth from above" as a basis of church membership.

3. Baptists stand for believer's baptism, the immersion of the believer in obedience to Christ's command, as a symbol of the death of the old life and the resurrection to the new.

4. Baptists stand for the separation of church and State and for the largest measure of civil and religious liberty.

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STATE MISSIONS



The National Societies, Home and Foreign Missions, Women's Home and Foreign Missions, Publication Society, Northern Convention, Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit Fund and Christian Education, closed their books March 31st. I do not know at this writing how they came out, but be that as it may, twelve months have been given in the interest of these societies. The books of the State Convention will not close until October 1st. We have not been urging the claims of the State Convention strongly during the last six months, because special attention was centered upon the National Societies; but from now on until October 1st, the State Convention should have the right of way in the thoughts of the people. No church can truly say that it has made its apportionment if it fell behind on State Missions last fall, or if it fails to make the full apportionment this year. There is great danger of churches relaxing after the supreme effort to get up the budget April 1st. and thinking there will be plenty of time to raise the State Convention budget, and then fail at the last to get up enough interest to raise it. In our State Convention work we do not have the ma-

chinery to organize all departments of the churches in the interest of State Missions, nor do we think it wise to attempt it. We do not have a special State Mission organization in each church; we do not organize children's bands and young women, and work the Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s for special offerings; nor do the churches or Sunday Schools support a Special State Missionary; we just appeal to the church as a whole for a fair and reasonable offering for State Convention, and urge the churches, especially the large churches, to give this important work the same consideration that is given to other interests of equal importance. Comparisons are often odious, and are not always fair, but it seems to me that it would do Illinois Baptists good to compare themselves with other states in the matter of supporting the State Convention. Counting out 35,000 or 40,000 Baptists in Southern Illinois that do not give anything to the work of the Convention, and counting out the negro Baptists and most of the foreign-speaking churches, and we have about 100,000 Baptists who recognize the State Convention as the channel through which they do state mission

work. The budget for these 100,000 Baptists for state missions is \$19,000, and the churches do not raise 75 per cent of it. \$50,000 would be only fifty cents for each member per year on an average.

Minnesota has a membership of 26,695 and raises about \$26,000 per year for State Missions, or \$1.00 per member.

Wisconsin has a membership of 20,356, nearly 5,000 less than we have in the Chicago Association; they reported last year from all sources \$16,969 for State Missions, nearly \$1.00 per member.

New York has a membership of 170,000, and raises about \$70,000 per year for State Missions.

Southern California has a membership of about 22,000 and raises over \$20,000 for State Convention and most other states in about the same proportion as these mentioned, while the 100,000 constituency of the Illinois Baptist State Convention gives a little more than \$19,000. And yet the State Convention Board of Illinois manages its work so carefully and economically that the reports of work accomplished are fully up to the standard of any state in the union. If our Board had two or three times the income it has Illinois could soon be made the strongest Baptist State in the Northern Baptist Convention.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Fred R. Johnson, pastor at Waverly, offered his resignation as pastor of that church March 29th. He has been on that field about two years. One member of the church writes, speaking very favorably of his work there.

Rev. H. L. Mounce, who has been supplying the Pawnee Church for half time for eleven months, has offered his resignation, to take effect May 1st.

Rev. R. A. Clemens closed his work with the Old Stonington Church some time ago and located with the Manlius Church. While the church owns a parsonage a mile or two away from the meeting house, they have decided to build a large, modern, eight room parsonage located close to the church. The Manlius Church is in a very prosperous farming community and there is material there for building up a strong church.

Rev. E. E. Evans will close his work soon at Cambridge and has accepted a call to Central City, Iowa.

The La Moille Church has called Rev. O. P. Jenson of Wymore, Neb.

Rev. Mr. Hincle, who will graduate at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, in June, has accepted a call to the Sterling Church.

Rev. Frank Jennings, who was pastor of the Clyde Church, has become assistant pastor to Rev. J. M. Stifler of Evanston.

Rev. N. J. Oliver of Evansville, Wisconsin, has accepted a call to the Downers Grove Church.

DEATHS

The many friends of Rev. J. B. Martin, pastor at Kinderhook, and his wife will sympathize with them in the death of their six year old son. He was buried at Macomb, March 19th.

Mrs. E. A. Yancey of Barry, who for many years has been an annuitant in our State Convention, died March 10th. She was one of the long time faithful members of the Barry Church.

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THE Bulletin is going into more homes now than ever before, and yet thousands of people who ought to take it are not now doing so.

THE Bulletin gives more church news than any paper of its size that we know of in America, and what the people need and want is church news.

THE Bulletin gives more space to editorials than any paper of its size that we are acquainted with. People usually want to know what the opinions of the editor are on various subjects.

MANY people who are too careless to notice the blue mark on the margin of their paper have written us to ask why their paper does not come to them. The blue mark means that the time is out and always is a sure sign that the paper will stop.

BY THE time the May issue of the Bulletin reaches the people the hosts of Baptists will be assembling at Minneapolis to attend the great meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention. Minneapolis is so convenient to

Illinois that we shall expect more delegates from Illinois than from any state in the Union—not excepting Minneapolis, outside of the Twin Cities.

THE Summer Assembly will be held at Quiver Lake, near Havana, July 13-20. The Business Manager, Rev. Martin S. Bryant of Champaign, is getting the work well in hand. He and his committee have a splendid program about completed. Those who desire cottages should communicate with Mr. Bryant. The owners of many of the cottages have listed them with him for rental during that period.

NOTES ON THE WAR

"In Belgium, in Poland, in Turkey, in Servia, it is estimated that a million children have died of starvation or freezing, or as in Turkey, of immediate butchery. Judge Lindsey, just home, says that half a million babies in Central Europe are starving to death. It is a very serious question in many people's minds if anything that any war can gain for a nation is worth the price of the sufferings of these children. And, of course, every child of working people in Europe will have to go on half rations for a hundred years because of war debts, and children will have to go to work earlier because the men have all been killed off."

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER SORTING THE BEANS

"My mother taught me to make everything count. When I became a partner in a grocery I got some barrels of beans cheap, because there were many black ones among them. I expected to sell them cheap, too, but my mother said, 'John, put in all your spare time, night and day, sorting those beans, and then they will be of extra quality and you can sell them at an extra price.' For weeks, I worked picking over those beans by night, throwing away the black ones. It was a lesson I have never forgotten. Through me my mother says to all young men, 'Throw the worthless out of your life; make everything count.'—Western Recorder.

CHURCHES

The Clinton church is the only Baptist church in DeWitt county, and it has been very weak much of the time for the past twenty years. Rev. P. H. Aldrich has been the pastor for about two years, and there is a very hopeful outlook at this time. Brother Aldrich has done splendid work. They are making an every-member canvass of the church and hope for large results.

Rev. Chas. R. King, of Louisiana, Missouri, is pastor of the Pleasant Hill church in Illinois, giving half of his time to that church. This is his second pastorate on that field. They are planning to build a meeting house, to cost from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

The Nokomis church, of which Rev. J. W. Smith is pastor, is having good interest. Recently there were seven professions of faith in the regular services. They have all been approved for baptism and five were baptized March 12th. They are planning to remodel the meeting house this spring. Thirty-two copies of the Bulletin go into homes in that church.

There is a more hopeful outlook in the Morrison church, of which Rev. T. B. Marlin has been pastor for quite a number of years, than for some time past. The church has made up its missionary budget and is planning to put from \$1,000 to \$1200 repairs on the meeting house.

The Pontiac church, of which Rev. Edward Benden became pastor a short time ago, has organized a Baptist fraternity, which includes all ages; it will have subdivisions for men, young men, and boys, and each department will have as officers a leader and a scribe. This church raised \$700 for missions, and the outlook for the future is very encouraging.

The Normal church, of which Rev. E. K. Masterson is pastor, raised its full budget for missions and is now engaged in evangelistic meetings with Rev. L. D. Lamkin, D.D., as the evangelist. This is the fourth series of meetings he has conducted in churches of which Mr. Masterson has been pastor. Brother Masterson's former home was in Arkansas City, Kansas, where Dr. Lamkin's home has been for many years, so that they have been intimately acquainted for a long time.

The First church of Benton, of which Rev. T. B. Frary is pastor, closed special meetings March 26th, with forty additions to the church, thirty-three by baptism. Others are expecting to unite soon. The meetings resulted in deepening the spiritual life of the people, and great interest in Bible study was created. The pastor's brother, R. W. Frary of LaPeer, Michigan, had charge of the music.

Rev. C. W. Webb recently assisted Pastor R. S. Mackey in special meetings at Warren. Someone from that community writes, "The meetings were of such interest, and with so great results, as to be long remembered in the community. We cannot say too much in praise of Brother Webb and his work."

A member of the Benson Church writes as follows: "Brother Ford is doing good work with the Benson Church. Five young men were baptized a week ago, and yesterday one sister was received for baptism. No special services have been held, no evangelist, just the regular services of the church. Brother Ford's preaching is simple, plain, and full of tenderness and love, and God is blessing his work with fruit."

The pastor at White Hall, Rev. John A. Simpson, writes, "The peculiarly regular and substantial growth of our Sunday School during the year ending April 1, 1916, is shown by the following figures: average attendance for the year 191, for the last nine months 199, for the last six months 205, for the last three months 226. The regular enrollment has increased from 290 to 350. The married men's class has increased in membership from 15 to 40. About \$225 has been raised by the school during the year, and there have been 39 additions to the church during the year, twenty by baptism."

"Rev. Percy W. Stephens of the First Church of Jacksonville has just closed a three weeks' revival meeting in his church. Mr. Stephens did the preaching, and had as soloist and song leader Chas. F. Allen of New Jersey, former leader of music with Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman. There were 120 converts during the meeting, most of whom were adults. 50 have already been baptized, and many more have already applied for membership by baptism. The church is well on the way toward exceeding the Five Year Program requirements for accessions by baptism. The church presented a the meeting in recognition of his spec-purse to Mr. Stephens at the close of ial service."

At the First church in Danville there were recently 235 in the young people's service. These nearly all remained for the main service in the evening. Dr. Krumreig is having good congregations in his morning preaching services.

"Mt. Vernon First Church has recently closed a three weeks' evangelistic campaign assisted by Rev. J. L.

Meads. There were fifty one accessions to the church, forty one of these being by baptism. Including the shop and uptown meetings there were one hundred and eight professions of faith. Other churches have received the blessings of the meeting as well as our own, and the fruits of the work are not all yet reaped.

We begin this month to remodel our present building which will include re-decoration of auditorium, additional Sunday School rooms and dining room, ladies' parlor, etc., to meet the growing needs. Rev. W. B. Morris will visit us April 9th to present the Five Year Program. We are expecting the church to adopt it."

The Moweaqua Church of which Rev. Frank Woodhull has been pastor for about one year is in a very prosperous condition. The pastor held a meeting last November resulting in forty-two conversions. During February and March he held another meeting assisted by the Raycroft family of Chicago, which resulted in 90 professions of faith, many of them young men. The Sunday School is increasing in numbers and interest.

Rev. H. F. Holbrook held special meetings in Bushnell during the month of February. At the close of sixteen days 67 people had made profession of faith, about 20 of whom were received for baptism and 31 went to other churches. The Bushnell Church is now pastorless and should locate someone soon, especially for the interest of these new converts. Brother Holbrook is located at Plymouth and can be addressed there by any churches desiring assistance in evangelistic work.

A union meeting was recently held at Forest City, the Baptist and Methodist

churches uniting in the effort. The Bulkley evangelistic party conducted the meetings. This evangelistic party went from Forest City to Towanda, where they conducted a meeting during the latter part of March. At the first call for inquirers fifteen responded. Rev. C. H. Davies is pastor of the Baptist Churches at Forest City and Towanda.

The Griggsville Church has made a decided progress in some ways during the past year. They have built a beautiful parsonage costing \$3600 on the lot near the church building. Rev. L. A. Miller has been pastor on that field for about three years.

Rev. C. B. Jones of Indiana, assisted Rev. A. P. Renn in special meetings at Arcola, ending Sunday night, March 12th. The meetings are reported to have been a great help to the church. Nine converts, all adults, were baptized Sunday evening, March 19th.

The Ottawa Church, of which Rev. G. W. Chessman is pastor, has arranged to join with the Methodists and Presbyterians in a union evangelistic meeting in April. The pastors will do the preaching and will probably secure Rev. Samuel Hoekstra of Utica to lead the singing. Two were recently baptized in the Baptist church.

The Dixon Church, under the leadership of Rev. G. W. Stoddard, who became pastor there about six months ago, is making fine progress. The editor visited that church last summer and they had no Sunday School except one or two classes in the primary department. Now they have more than 100 in the Sunday School; recently on a Sunday they had 129. Twenty new members have been received into

the church and others will be baptized on Easter Sunday.

The LaSalle Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, of which Rev. J. B. Rogers is pastor, occupies a down town field. It used to be a residence district of well to do people, but now it is a district where foreigners reside. The gospel is preached each Sunday in four languages. A six weeks' vacation Bible School was conducted with success. A strong kindergarten is maintained. Brother Rogers is an untiring worker and is never willing to surrender a field, but goes after the people to win them to Christ.

Rev. R. N. Ball became pastor at Pekin last September. The Sunday School has increased until it numbers 140, and there are about twenty young men in the Bible class. There have been twenty-five additions, seventeen by baptism.

The Lena and Damascus churches have been working together for some years in the support of a pastor. Rev. Carleton W. Harris has preached for these two churches during the past year. The Lena Church has been a weak interest for more than twenty years, and during a portion of that time has been aided, to some extent, by the State Convention. Perhaps there has been no time for twenty-five years when they have had more than twenty-five or thirty active members, and yet it is one of those small churches that the denomination and the kingdom cannot afford to surrender, as the following ministers and missionaries that that church has given to the denomination will show :

Rev. J. R. Spiller, who was pastor for several years in the Rock Island Association, and is now doing good

work in Iowa, came from the Lena church. Rev. C. C. Smith, who did such a magnificent work at Princeton, and is now pastor at Roodhouse, went into the ministry from the Lena church. Rev. H. F. Gilbert, while living in the country nearby, took his high school course at Lena. He is now a missionary in the Congo Valley in Africa. Rev. Ward E. Bailey went from the Lena church to China, where he is now a missionary. Rev. Edward R. Brown, our noted missionary who is standing by the work in Old Mexico, came out of the Lena church. Mr. Alex McEthron was formerly a member of that church; he is now a member of the Disciples Church and is studying for the ministry. Warren E. Rishel went from the Lena church as missionary to the Mexicans and Indians in New Mexico, and his brother, Edwin Rishel, became a missionary among the negroes in the southern states. Peter H. Seise, a young married man in business in Lena, has just been licensed to preach.

Rockford First Church, of which Rev. G. A. Sheets is pastor, recently had twenty-eight decisions for Christ in the Sunday School. The outlook on that field is quite hopeful, and they hope to start on a building enterprise in the fall.

The State Street Church of Rockford, of which Rev. M. H. Day is pastor, raised its entire budget for missions. The Sunday School has been reorganized and is doing good work.

April first Deer Creek church held an afternoon and night rally in the interest of an every member canvass and the Five Year Program. Rev. W. A. Dalton has been pastor for about six months, and everybody is encour-

aged with his work. He recently held a two weeks' meeting at Goodfield, where the church holds regular services, which resulted in twenty conversions, all received for baptism, and twenty-five additions to the church.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION DURING MARCH

Only a few of the churches send the full apportionment at one time. Whenever a payment reported in the Bulletin completes the apportionment, it will be indicated by a (*) star.

Advertisement	\$ 8.50
*Aledo Church	16.10
*Alsey Church	5.00
Alton First Church	91.52
Andalusia Farm Rent	150.00
*Atlanta Church	15.00
Atlanta Church, Rev. E. J. Thomas	5.00
Aurora, Park Place Church	25.00
Belvidere First Church	47.25
Carthage Church	13.00
Centralia Church	9.20
Chapman, Mrs. Lydia L.—New- ton Stonington Church	100.00
Chicago, Austin Church	99.06
Chicago Covenant Church	10.00
Chicago Englewood Church	127.06
Chicago, Garfield Park Church ..	45.00
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Chicago, Logan Square Norweg- ian Church	8.33
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Chicago, Ravenwood Church	10.00
Chicago, Rogers Park Church	20.00
Chicago, *Roseland Church	15.00
Chicago, Woodlawn Church	12.69
Chrisman Church	4.92
Chrisman, Mrs. M. I. — Buda Church	4.00
Clyde Church	6.45
Collected on Mission Fields	674.98
Deer Creek Church	10.00
*Deer Park Church	4.00
Downers Grove Church	25.00
Ebersole, Rev. J. S. and wife, Chicago — On Hopkins Park Church Building Fund	10.00
Evanston Church	44.39
*Elgin First Church	117.00
Freeport Church	37.00
Friend — A	1000.00
*Forest City Church	10.00
Graymont Church	6.64

Highland Park Church	10.00
Hoopeston Church	11.84
Interest	1133.12
Jerseyville Church	16.28
*Joliet, Eastern Avenue Church..	14.70
Joliet, Ridgewood Church	20.00
Kankakee First Church	36.00
Kewanee Church	13.70
La Grange Church	25.00
*Lathan Church	6.25
Macomb Church	12.00
Monmouth Church	14.50
Morgan Park Church	27.60
Morrison Church	35.00
*Morrisonville Church	16.00
Morwood, H. D.—Benson church	2.00
Northern Baptist Convention	75.00
Oak Park First Church	50.97
Oak Park Lombard Ave. Church	17.00
Otto, Rev. Benj.—Morgan Park Church — On Hopkins Park Church Building Fund	10.00
Paradise Church — Mrs. W. H. Corzine	1.00
Peoria First Church	60.21
Plano Church	4.40
Plainville Church	5.16
Princeton Church	30.00
Rockford First Church	50.00
Rockford State Street Church ...	25.00
Roodhouse Church	20.00
*Sterling Church	39.00
*Stonington Church (New)	35.00
St. Charles Meeting House Rent	7.00
South Chicago Church	12.00
*Timewell Church	40.00
Timewell Church — Mrs. Susan Scoggan (2)	5.00
University Church Fund	655.00
Upper Alton Church	13.10
*Walnut Church	2.85
*West Pullman Church	13.00
*Whites Grove Church	5.00
Woodstock Church	3.00
Woodstock Sunday School	1.00
*Yorkville Church	4.00
Total	\$5454.90

PERSONALS

Evangelist J. L. Meads of Benton began a meeting with the pastor of the church in Perry, Iowa; the interest became so great that the different churches united and built a tabernacle for a union meeting. Rev. J. H. Bagwell of Chillicothe, Illinois, assisted him a few weeks in the meeting. The newspaper reports from Perry indicate that a great campaign was being carried on.

Rev. E. J. Thomas of Atlanta celebrated his 95th birthday March 16th. He made a \$5.00 birthday offering to the work of the State Convention. Brother Thomas is not the oldest man, but is doubtless the oldest Baptist preacher, in the state of Illinois. He is the father of Rev. J. B. Thomas, pastor of the Austin Church in Chicago.

Rev. J. P. Kirkland, who resigned the Rozetta Church in order to enter the Louisville Seminary in Kentucky, is enjoying his school work very much. One of his children has been very sick in the hospital suffering from blood poisoning resulting from an abscess in the head. We hope by this time that she has fully recovered.

Rev. H. F. Day, who for two or three years was pastor of the Hammond Church, removed to Havana and took up the practice of chiropractics. He has since left the Baptists and united with the Disciples' Church.

Rev. Fred Berry, who was for several years Superintendent of Missions in Nebraska, has closed his work to accept a call to become Superintendent of Evangelism in Kansas in the employ of the State Convention. The superintendents of the various states had learned to love Brother Berry, as we met in our annual and semi-annual meetings. He was a true yoke-fellow in the work, true and loyal to the Baptist cause in every way.

The Baptist meeting house at Rantoul was burned down Sunday, March 19th, having caught fire by over-heated furnace. The church was built about fifteen years ago, after the great fire which destroyed a large portion of the town. It was valued at \$8500, with

\$4,000 insurance. It is reported that the church will rebuild at once. Rev. E. C. Poole is the pastor.

TRUSTEES' MEETING OF SHURTLEFF COLLEGE

The spring meeting of the trustees was held in Alton, Tuesday, March 14th. I was not able to remain through the whole session, but the spirit of the meeting was very hopeful for the college. The faculty for another year was arranged very satisfactorily. The report of President Potter was very encouraging. The school seems to be gradually gaining ground, and the president seems to be growing stronger with the school and trustees and the people of the state each year. The president and executive committee have shown great business ability during the past two years in improving and disposing of a tract of land in St. Louis that had been a great burden to the college for about twenty-five years. A few years ago the trustees accepted an offer of \$32,000 for it, but the offer was withdrawn, and the property left on their hands, but now they have sold for cash lots amounting to \$70,000, with two of the best lots left that will sell for more than \$12,000. This will give the college a permanent increase in its income of about \$4,500 a year.

CHURCHES

Rev. M. W. Twing, D.D., has been pastor at the First church of Alton for nearly twenty years. This is the longest pastorate I know of in the state except that of Dr. Johnston Myers at

Immanuel Church, Chicago. The people say that Dr. Twing was never so strong with his church and in the city as now. Both church and individual members have recently shown their appreciation of this long pastorate in very substantial ways.

Rev. J. G. Little has been pastor at Havana three and a half years. At the beginning of his third year the church increased his salary \$250. The church has been recently thoroughly repaired on the interior. They are now considering the matter of building a chapel and establishing a mission in a section about one mile from the churches of the city, at a point where several hundred people live, with no Sunday school near them. Since Brother Little has been on this field he has officiated at 71 weddings, attended 67 funerals, and baptized 85 persons. He is very greatly appreciated in the church and community. He is at this time conducting a school for one week of religious instruction for all school children who will come to the church at 4:15 p. m. It is largely attended.

Quite a number of states are getting interested in the Illinois plan of dealing with non-resident members. The Kansas Baptist says, "Illinois Baptists have taken definite steps to help conserve their non-resident membership. Extensive correspondence is begun with the hope of saving many who might otherwise be lost to the denomination and usefulness. This is an excellent idea. Shall we fall in line?"

I have received requests from some of the eastern states to send information with regard to our plan.

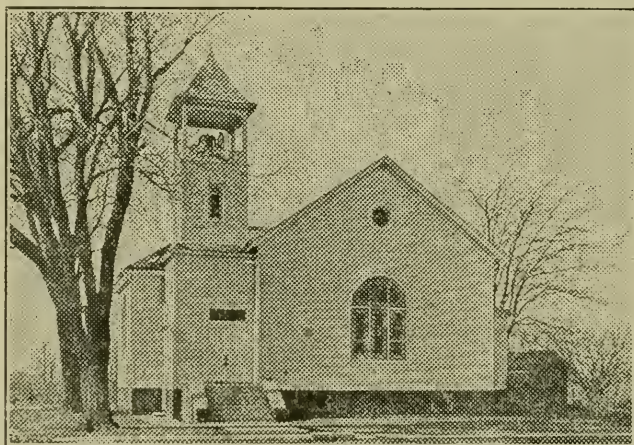
DEDICATION

About one and a half years ago, after Rev. J. M. Lively finished his course of study at the University of Chicago. He took the combined pastorate of Tuscola and Bourbon churches. Bourbon is a small village twelve miles from Tuscola, and the only church in that community is the Baptist church. Last summer Brother Lively undertook to change the old meeting house into a modern church. This was done last summer and fall, but the church was not re-dedicated until Sunday, March 19th. The editor of the Bulletin preached in the morning, and Dr. W. H. Steadman preached the dedication sermon in the afternoon. The basement, side room, new windows, and furnishings cost about \$4000, and all of it was subscribed and paid in cash before the dedication. This church occupies a fine farming field with many young members or adherents of the church. A school of agriculture was conducted in the church for a few days



REV. J. M. LIVELY
Pastor Bourbon Church

last winter; the University of Illinois furnishing the speakers. Brother Lively has done a great and lasting work on that field.



BOURBON BAPTIST CHURCH
Dedicated March 19, 1916

FIVE YEAR PROGRAM AND EVERY MEMBER CANVASS CHURCHES

Reported since the March issue :

Joliet, First—Rev. E. J. Parsons, pastor.

Murphysboro—Rev. Minor Stevens, pastor.

Chenoa—Rev. F. W. Wood, pastor.

Aeldo—Rev. E. T. Potter, pastor.

Griggsville—Rev. L. A. Miller, pastor.

Barry—Rev. G. W. Claxon, pastor.

North Shore Chicago—Rev. J. S. Ebersole, pastor.

Ottawa—Rev. G. W. Chessman, pastor.

Carrollton—Rev. W. E. Mundell, pastor.

Dixon—Rev. G. W. Stoddard, pastor.

STATE CONVENTION MISSIONARIES

Rev. V. Colbert has been holding a meeting at the newly organized Unity Baptist Church in East St. Louis, assisted by Rev. Jesse Hyde, pastor at Belleville. At this writing they are having good interest in the meeting.

Our missionary pastor at Oglesby, Rev. F. M. Dunk, is at this time engaged in special meetings. He hopes for large results from this effort. The church lacks only a few hundred dollars now of having all its debt on the meeting house paid. They hope to clear off the entire indebtedness this summer.

Rev. W. R. Johnson recently closed a meeting at Kane. There were fifteen additions to the church, twelve by baptism. He baptized one Catholic lady who was over sixty years of age. The church was very liberal in its financial offering. This field is without a pastor and is anxious to locate a suitable man.

During the later part of February and the first of March our missionary,

N. T. Hafer, held meetings with the Chenoa and Ocoya churches, of which Rev. F. W. Wood is pastor. The meeting at Chenoa was very successful, resulting in quite a number of additions to the church, and in very greatly strengthening the field there. The meeting at Ocoya was very helpful, but the results were not so large as at Chenoa. The Chenoa Church will now support the pastor for full time and Ocoya will make other arrangements for its pulpit supply.

Rev. J. M. Osborn, pastor of the Watertown and Silvis churches, has taken charge of the East Moline field and gives them a service every Sunday evening at six o'clock. The interest has been growing rapidly under the care of Brother Osborn, and the East Moline people seem to be more enthusiastic than they have ever been. This makes strenuous work for Brother Osborn, preaching three times every Sunday and looking after three Sunday Schools.

Our missionary in the Danville territory, Rev. L. B. Trites, has been doing a strenuous work during the past quarter. He assisted in meetings at South Danville, where they have had very large congregations and much interest. He and his wife and daughter have also assisted in meetings at Bourbon. They also held a meeting at Chrisman. He has charge of the Palermo, Grape Creek, Union Chapel, and Hillery churches.

The Hopkins Park Church people hope to have their house completed and ready for dedication by the first Sunday in May. Rev. J. B. Little is our missionary pastor at that place.

The editor spent a night recently at Rochelle Church with our missionary

pastor, Rev. C. L. Flanders. The work seems to be progressing on that field in every direction, and I think the outlook is more hopeful than for many years in the past.

Rev. J. H. Cozad, our missionary pastor at East Park Church, Decatur, and his church joined in with other churches on that side of the city in a union tabernacle meeting, which recently closed. As a result of the meeting, the East Park Church has received up to this time 101 members. This church, that was started as a mission a few years ago, now has more than 400 members and became self-supporting April first. Brother Cozad has done a great work on that field.

ANNUITIES

We wish to call attention again to our State Convention annuity bonds. If people would study this subject and give it due consideration very many persons would be glad to make such investments. Many old people and others who are not engaged in business, but are dependent upon the income of their money for support, and especially those who have no children, find this a most desirable way to invest a few hundred or a few thousand dollars. Some reasons for taking out an annuity bond in the State Convention are :

1. It pays a large rate of interest. If a person is between fifty and sixty years of age it pays from 6 per cent to 7 per cent. Age between sixty and seventy years the rate is 7 per cent to 8 per cent, and from seventy to eighty years the rate is from 8 per cent to 9 per cent; eighty years of age and over, 9 per cent.

2. There can be no tax to the

holder of annuity bonds. The bond does not represent property, but an income.

3. There can be no uncertainty about it in the settling of estates. This business has been attended to by the person while he lives and cannot be diverted in some other direction.

4. At the death of the annuitant, the money will be used in missionary work in Illinois, or the principal held forever, and only the interest used as the party may desire.

5. The Illinois Baptist State Convention is entirely responsible :

- a. The Executive Board is composed of safe and conservative business men and ministers.

- b. The whole denomination in the state is back of these annuity bonds.

- c. The Convention now has more than \$75,000 in invested funds and other good property, the income of which is used to strengthen the work of the Convention.

- d. (1) The Executive Board does not invest any of its funds outside of Illinois.

- (2) It does not loan money upon unproductive property as security.

- (3) It does not make loans upon city or town property.

- (4) It makes all its loans upon Illinois farm mortgages.

- (5) It does not make a loan of more than 60 per cent of the selling value of the farm.

There is no safer organization in the world with which to place an annuity than with the Illinois Baptist State Convention.

And after the annuitant passes away there is no better purpose to which the money can be placed than in Illinois Baptist State Missions.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

Rev. D. H. MacGillivray, Supt.
Mrs. D. H. MacGillivray, Matron

THE BAPTIST OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Maywood, Illinois
MRS. A. W. RUNYON
Editor and Field Secretary
5742 Maryland Ave., Chicago

The work at the Home is moving along rapidly. Eleven new children have entered the Home during the month and one girl who had been placed, returned.

At the time of this writing the Superintendent is at Petersburg, Ill., on his way home with three brothers, all healthy country boys. These boys are descendants of Baptist people and good Baptist homes should be found for them.

We have enjoyed a very delightful work among our boys and girls. Some fifteen have made a profession, ten have been baptized by Dr. Abbot of the Central Baptist Church Maywood. A number of them are now ready to be baptized Easter Sunday.

At this season of the year we look for eggs. The children have not forgotten the fine eggs sent so generously by the good people last year. They are still fond of eggs and will be pleased to receive them from their friends.

At its last meeting the Board passed a resolution to the effect that improvements were necessary and should be made on the building and authorized the Superintendent to raise money for painting the building and putting in a new boiler for the hot water plant. The entire improvements will cost over (\$1000.00) one thousand dollars. I trust that friends of the work will respond to the call and thus help the Superintendent to accomplish this work in a short time.

It may be of interest to readers of the Bulletin to recall some facts concerning the home.

Organized and incorporated in 1907, it came into actual existence in April, 1909 when the first residents entered the nine room house purchased as a beginning of the only Baptist Old People's Home west of Ohio. From that time to the present, 43 people have shared in the ministry of the Home,—there being now 30 in residence.

In October, 1913, the Board reported our Cottage Home filled to the limit and our inability to meet the many applications coming in; but with \$10,000 in hand the contract for the Aunt Lizzie Aiken Memorial, the first section of the permanent building, was let. This was dedicated June 6, 1914,—cost \$22,300, is fully paid for and can never be mortgaged. Thoughtful friends of the Home will be glad to know that during the last year our endowment fund has been doubled—now \$22,000, and our bills for running expenses are paid to date. This surely ought to inspire confidence in the management of the Home.

It costs \$450 per month, or approximately \$6,000 per year to care for the Home. We have a bond system for doing this that is easily carried and appeals to the judgment of business men and women, and hope for general co-operation. Any amount contributed can be credited to the benevolences of your church under Art. 5 of the Five Year Program, if so desired.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of Illinois

MRS. W. P. TOPPING, Pres.

Elgin

Mrs. Martha V. Higman, Editor
Morgan Park.

Mrs. H. W. Tate, Treasurer
2331 Hartzell Ave., Evanston.

Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to our second vice-president, who is also Editor of the Woman's Page, Mrs. Martha V. Higman, who awoke on the morning of March 19th to find that during the night the spirit of her loved husband had gone to his Maker. Although the sorrow is so keen yet the thought that he was spared months of anticipated suffering, the knowledge of his earthly life which has so prepared him for his Heavenly Home, and the hope of the glad reunion through the years of Eternity, comforts and sustains our sister at this time. The following resolutions of sympathy were adopted at the State Board meeting on March 30th:

Whereas, our sister, Mrs. Martha V. Higman has, during the past month, been bereft of her beloved husband who has walked beside her in joy and sorrow through the years, and

Whereas, Mrs. Higman has long served the Woman's Baptist Union Society of Illinois as Vice-President, being a wise counsellor, a sincere friend, and a loyal supporter; Therefore,

Resolved, That in this, her hour of sad affliction, we, the women of the Illinois Baptist State Board, extend to our dear sister the deepest sympathy of our hearts and pray that the Holy Comforter may strengthen and sustain her.

Mrs. George Mc Ginnis,

Mrs. Harry A. Bush,

Mrs. W. B. Osgood,

Mrs. W. H. Sexton, a member of our State Board, died suddenly on March 15th. Her many friends in Monmouth and among our denomination sorrow with her son, yet rejoice in her memory. Her love for our Woman's work is shown in a legacy of \$10,000 divided between our two National Societies.

How many have noticed page 324 of April "Missions." Find that page and see how Mrs. W. E. Pool, president of Bloomfield Association, conducts her Mid-Year Associational gathering.

"Thanksgiving Ann" is finding her way into many churches all over our country, orders coming from Florida, Maine, New York, Massachusetts, etc. The following plan is being used in Indiana, Pennsylvania — where 75 copies have gone: A leaflet with a little fabric stocking is supposed to go into each family of the church. The stocking is to hold the "Thanksgiving Fund" which will be turned over next fall to a committee. This plan takes the place of the regular Bazaar.

Summer School of Missions, June 23 to June 30th—Winona, Indiana.

Illinois Baptist Summer Assembly, Havana, Illinois, July 13th to 20th. More about it next month! Begin to plan to attend!

Too soon to say how our National Societies stood March 31st.

Still a few copies of Prayer Cycle. Have you one?

Sunday School Work in Illinois



Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.



Director, W. B. MORRIS,
577 West Macon St., Decatur.

The first Sunday in March I spent with the church in Sterling. The work here is prospering under the leadership of the newly elected pastor, Rev. Ralph V. Hinkle. At a recent decision service several accepted Christ. It was a pleasure to be with friends of former days. The next Sunday was spent in Big Rock, where Pastor Huxford is doing good work. We had the pleasure of witnessing eighteen decisions in the Sunday School. A two day institute was held in Sandwich and while the attendance was small, several churches were represented. Pastor Norton is enjoying the confidence and esteem of his people. During the institute, Mrs. Eisenhuth, primary superintendent of the Park Place Sunday School of Aurora, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the work of that department.

My daughter, Miss Winifred Morris, spoke on the Junior Department, and also on "The Efficient Young People's Society."

It was a pleasure to be with Pastor Morphet, and his people in Marengo for three days. The climax of this institute was reached on Sunday when in the Sunday School and Young People's meeting twenty-eight made a profession of faith. It is hoped that nearly

all of these will be ready for baptism on Easter Sunday afternoon. I went from Marengo to Belvidere to meet the workers of both schools for a conference on Teacher Training.

The last Sunday was given to Morrisonville, where Pastor Oldham is doing good, working, and pushing ahead for the adoption of the Five Year Program. A Home Department was arranged for and we hope soon to hear of its progress.

I have been sending out postal cards for information about Teacher Training classes; quite a number of them reply promptly and some do not reply at all, although the postage for the reply is prepaid. A little better team work would be mutually helpful.

In a few days, I will be sending out a survey blank covering the general statistics of the school and I will greatly appreciate a prompt response from any pastor or superintendent receiving one of these blanks.

It is our purpose hereafter to report in The Bulletin all Teacher Training Classes so far as we can secure the information, and to make special mention of the Association having the largest per cent of classes to the number of churches, when we meet in our next State Convention.

Rev. J. C. Hazen of Janesville, Wisconsin, has accepted a hearty call to become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Peoria. The "Wisconsin Baptist" published a notice of this written by a member of the Janesville Church, which we quote below. It will be read with interest by Illinois Baptists :

CHAPTER I

"In the eighth year of the reign of Rev. J C. Hazen over the Baptist Church, which is in Janesville, it came to pass that a church of like faith in a neighboring state had no pastor.

Now the fame of Rev. Hazen, his goodness and all the gracious deeds that he has done, had spread abroad through the land even unto that city which lieth toward the south in the way that goeth down to Egypt.

And when the Baptists of that city heard thereof, they said among themselves "Behold here is a strange thing! A Baptist minister, even in Wisconsin, hath remained upon one field for more than seven years!! Let us go unto Janesville and see this wondrous man, for, lo, he may be just the one that we want."

So they sent two of their number, even two spies, who, journeying, came to Janesville and entered into the house of God on the Sabbath day at the hour of morning worship.

The Janesville people, seeing strangers in their midst, gave them cordial welcome and one of the best pews, for it hath been said of old that some have entertained angels unawares, but now it doth appear that not all strangers are angels.

When these men had looked upon Rev. Hazen and listened to the words

of wisdom which proceeded out of his mouth, they knew that the half had not been told unto them.

Then they communed one with the other and decided in their hearts to entice him away from his people by whom he was well beloved.

With flattering words and promise of larger salary did they beguile him until he hath resigned — whether of the will of God or through the machinations of men we know not, God knoweth—and we are left as sheep having no shepherd.

And what shall we now do? Go out and bereave some other flock which is, perchance, happily shepherded? God forbid, for there be some among us who hold that it is not lawful for any so to do.

Let us rather seek for a man who believeth in his heart that he hath accomplished the work which God gave him to do in the place where he labored, and hath made known his conviction and purpose unto his people that he may be free to go elsewhere as God leadeth him.

So shall we be prospered, and may the blessing of Jehovah be upon Rev. Hazen, his wife and his little ones, in the land to which he goeth."

A Janesville Baptist.

In eighty-seven state universities there are 150,000 students. In twenty of these institutions where the churches are at work 796 students were brought into church membership in one year. One hundred and twenty-four volunteered for the ministry or for Foreign Mission work, and 3,500 were enlisted in Bible classes. The state school is a most inviting field for special cultivation on the part of the churches and one for the most part neglected.





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